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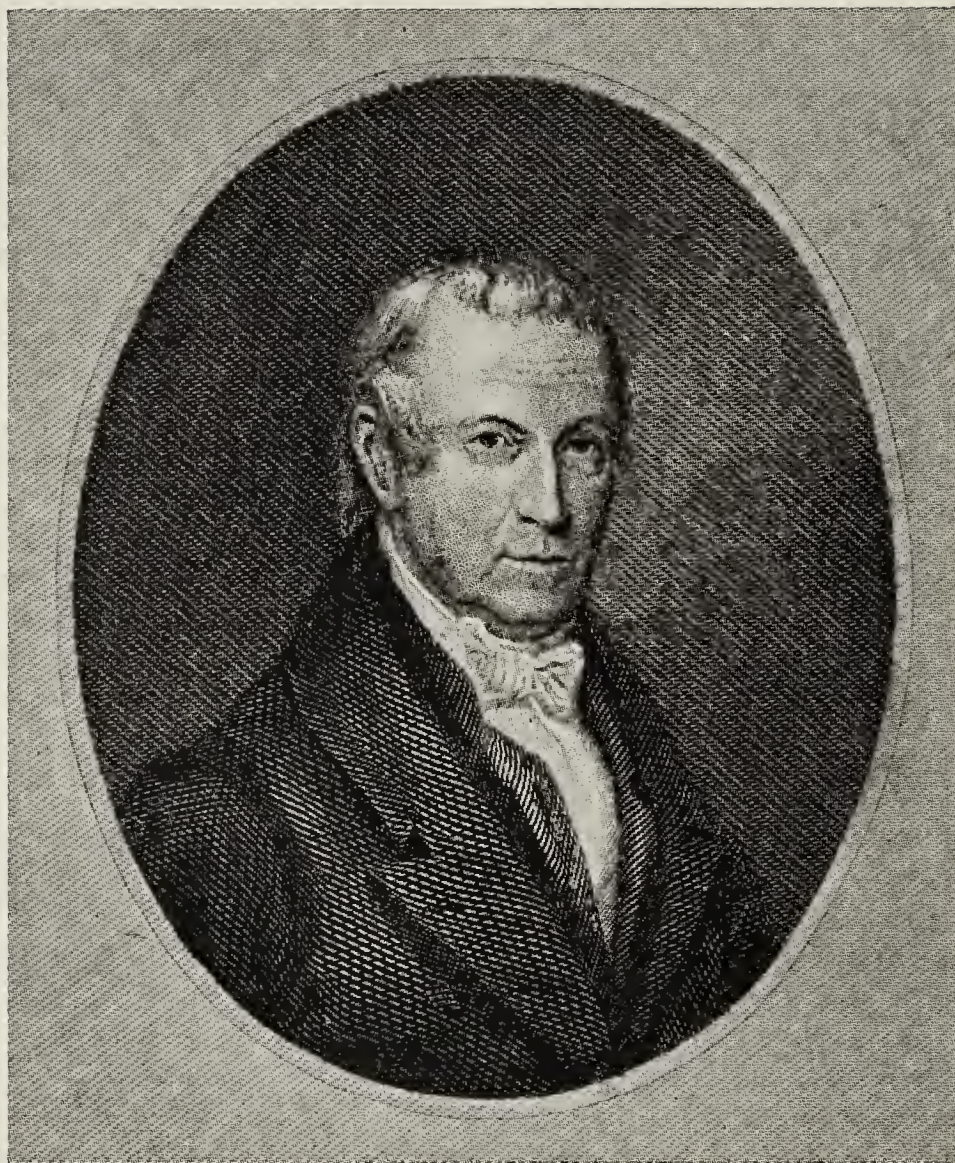


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INTRODUCTION

CHARLES E. HILL, my brother, was forced by ill health to give up his law practice in Baltimore, Maryland, and retire to the home of his boyhood in Temple, N. H., where he remained until his death. In that home was a mass of family letters and documents brought from the residence of the Rev. Ebenezer Hill, in Mason. Upon examining these, my brother found so much of interest to the descendants of the Little Minister, and so much of value to anyone who would learn the intimate life of a clergyman in a little New England town a hundred years ago, that he compiled from them the Sketch which is now put into print.

The Notes on the Descendants of Ebenezer Hill, given as a supplement to this Sketch were prepared by my cousin, the Rev. John B. Hill, D.D., of Queens, N. Y. He has also carefully traced out the ancestors of Mr. Hill and his three wives; but there was not space in this volume to publish these lists. He will be pleased, however, to furnish information concerning these ancestors to any who so desire.

My hope is that this little book will not only preserve the memory of a most worthy servant of Christ, but also help to hold together in the bonds of kinship his numerous and widely scattered descendants.

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FOREWORD

I propose to write something of the life of our ancestor, Ebenezer Hill, and of his family, while they were in the old home at Mason. His Memoir, written by his sons, has been published and the History of Mason contains much that is descriptive of his public life; but biographies and memorial tributes are not always produced with the accuracy of a photograph. There is a tendency, not to be condemned perhaps, to make a hero of the subject, and to narrate only those things that are attractive to the public. Many things that I have learned from old letters and papers, and that to me are very interesting, would hardly find a place in a history designed for the public. Thinking that some of his descendants, now or at some time hereafter, may desire to know more than the published records disclose of the real life of their ancestor and of his home life, I have determined to write out what I have learned, so that it may be preserved when the sources from which my information came are gone.

CHARLES E. HILL.

Temple, N. H.,
1916.

EBENEZER HILL: THE LITTLE MINISTER OF MASON

A Sketch by his Grandson, CHARLES EBENEZER HILL

THROUGHOUT the countryside he was known as "The Little Minister of Mason." Barely five feet in stature, but of perfect proportions, with delicate, clean-shaven features, firm lips, quick eyes,—neat, sprightly, genial—he was fitted to win favor. The fact that two churches eagerly contended to secure his services (Mason and Marlboro), while a third (Ashby) withdrew from the contest as hopeless, and that within ten years he was able to win in marriage three estimable ladies, proves that the Little Minister was attractive.

He first came to Mason when he was twenty-three years of age (born Jan. 31, 1766). He fitted for college in Cambridge Grammar School, under the instruction, in part, of the Rev. Aaron Bancroft, D.D., of Worcester, father of George Bancroft, the historian. In the spring of 1786, after passing through the regular four years course (admitted July 13, 1782), he had received at Harvard College the degree of A.B. The following autumn he began teaching in Westford, Mass., and through the next two years continued his pedagogical work in that town. He seems to have been a successful teacher, and by at least one of his pupils was long remembered.* While in Westford he seems to have been successful also in winning the heart of Mary Boynton, and doubtless there planned with her the union that took place in 1791.

It was while he was at Westford that he announced his determination to become a minister and probably he began while there the study of theology. It was an ambitious choice,

*See correspondence published in his Memoir, pp. 15-18.

for at that day the New England clergy were the ruling class in public life, and the most revered and influential in society. It does not seem that he waited for any recognized "call" to the gospel ministry. He made his election first, and sought the call later. At that time he was not even a church member. There were then no professional schools; the would-be lawyer entered the office of some attorney,—the more eminent the better—and there read law until he was ready for admission to the bar. So the student of medicine pursued his studies with some practicing physician, and the aspirant for the ministry usually submitted himself to some eminent preacher, under whose direction, and frequently in whose family, he pursued his theological studies.

A noted clergyman, the Rev. Seth Payson, was then settled at Rindge, N. H., and to him the young man applied. He was accepted, and in August, 1788, was received as a student in the family of that learned divine. As I have written he probably began his theological studies while in Westford. He certainly made rapid progress after he joined the minister's family in Rindge. The next month he was received into the church on profession of faith and the following month, at Ashburnham, Mass., before an Association of ministers there assembled, he was examined as to his "moral character, ministerial furniture, and views in undertaking ye work"; and the said Association being "unanimously satisfied", he was duly licensed and began preaching without delay. His first efforts were made in the pulpit of his preceptor, Dr. Payson, but he was soon invited to preach as a candidate at Ashby, at Marlboro, and in March, 1789, at Mason. In that day no country town had more than one church; and, while the church usually made the selection, it was the business of the town to give the "call", make the contract, and pay the settlement and the salary in accordance with that contract. The town owned the church building, and the expense of maintaining church services, including the settlement (a provision made on settling a minister, in order to enable him to procure a house) and the salary, were part of the town's expenses, provided for by taxes levied on all the polls and taxable property.

The Town Records disclose the proceedings, all regularly voted in town meeting, duly called and warned. The records of the Town of Marlboro show that that town offered the young candidate—we quote from the Town Records—“One hundred and sixty pounds settlement, sixty pounds to be paid in specie, one-half of which is to be paid three months after his ordination, the other half to be paid in nine months; the one hundred pounds to be paid in beef cattle—equal to beef at twenty shillings per hundred, or other neat stock equivalent; also to pay him a salary of sixty pounds for the first year, and to add twenty shillings a year until it arrive at the sum of sixty-eight pounds; also thirty cords of wood, delivered at his house—the salary and the wood to be paid annually.”

The Town of Mason offered him “One hundred and fifty pounds settlement, one-half to be paid in money, the other half in neat stock or farm produce; one-half in one year after his ordination, and the other half in the next year following”; and as salary “sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence yearly.” Three months later—the town doubtless having learned of the Marlboro proposition—at a meeting duly called, voted “to provide thirty cords of wood yearly for Mr. Hill, so long as the town can procure the same without a tax; and, if that measure should ever fail of providing said thirty cords of wood as above, then the town will add to his salary so much as to make it seventy-five pounds lawful money yearly during his ministry in said town.”

The settlement and salary offered by these towns was in amount about the same as was in that day paid in all the country towns of New Hampshire and Massachusetts; and in purchasing power was probably fully equal to the salaries paid in the same towns at the present day. Beef—doubtless on the hoof—was, in the Marlboro proposition, valued at twenty shillings a hundred,—and the twenty shillings a hundred then would buy as much beef as ten dollars of today.* Then there were the thirty cords of wood, that seem by the Mason proposition to have been equivalent to eight pounds,

*This was written before the World War.

six shillings, eight pence, so that the salary would be about equal to a salary of seven hundred dollars at the present time.

Of the two proposals, the Marlboro proposition seems the better; but, with both before him, the candidate writes to a friend: "I have tried to think it was my duty to settle at Marlboro, but it appears quite plain to me that Providence has pointed out Mason as *the* place. I never saw such an union and such engagedness as is apparent in this place. What their motives are, I am unable to say, but trust, with regard to the greater part, they are gospel motives, and upon the whole I dare not deny them." To both the town and the candidate, this settlement was a serious and important matter, for it was understood that the engagement was to be for life, and I am not surprised that the decision was made only after long and earnest deliberation. Sometime in July or August, 1790, the Little Minister made answer, declining Marlboro and accepting Mason.

What was this town, the "union and engagedness" of which were successfully attractive? Forty years before, it was an unbroken wilderness, without a single inhabitant. In 1790 there were about one hundred and ten houses scattered over the town, the most of them miserably poor. Only one house had any outside paint, and only three rooms in the town were papered. There was not a wheel carriage or a single sleigh. Whole families came to church on an oxcart or sled. Travel was generally on foot or on horseback. It was the day of the pillion, "a comfortable and commodious seat," says our Minister; and it was no strange thing to see a single horse carrying on his back a man and woman and one or two small children. The Minister on his candidating journeys probably rode on horseback, with a fair supply of spotless linen and Calvinistic sermons in his saddlebags.

The early settlers of Mason had attempted to build a church, located as the custom then was on one of the highest hilltops. They had erected the frame, boarded it in, put on doors and windows, and there it stood, a mere shell, until it was too much dilapidated to be worth completing, but in it our Minister preached in the beginning. The population of the town was then about six hundred, but the church had

Elements of Geometry.

Definitions

1. A point hath no parts. That is, a Mathematical Point has no quantity, but only an assignable place in any quantity, denoted by a point. — as at —

A. or B.

2. A Line is called a quantity of one dimension, because it may have any supposed length, but no breadth or thickness, being made or represented to the eye by the motion of one point to another, as from A. to B. Therefore the ends of a line are called points. —

3. A right Line, is that Line which lieth straight between those points which limit its length, and is the shortest line that can be drawn between any two points. As the Line A. B.

A — B

4. A circular, crooked, or oblique Line, is that which lies bending between those points which limits its length, as in the lines C D. & F G.

C — D
F — G

5. Parallel Lines, are those which lie equally distant in all their parts, viz. if infinitely extended will never meet. as A B. a b or C D. c d.

A — B
a — b
C — D
c — d

6. Lines not parallel, but inclining one towards another, whether right lines, or circular, will if extended, meet & make an angle, the point where they meet is called the angular point, as at A. and according as such lines stand nearer or further off each other, the angle is said to be greater or less, whether the lines that include the angle be long, or short. As the line A d & A f. include the same angle as A B & A C.

A — B
A — C
A — d
A — f

7. All angles included between right lines, are called right lined angles, and all those included between circular lines are called spherical angles.

8. A Right Angle, is that which is included between two right lines, meeting one at the perpendicularly — as the D C is perpendicular, to A B.

D
A — C — B

9. An Obtuse angle is greater than a right angle, as the angle included between the lines A C. & C B.

A — C — B

10. An Acute Angle is less than a right angle, as the angle included between the lines C B. & C D.

C — B — D

These two angles are generally called oblique angles.

11. By a superficies in geometry is meant, only so much of the out side of any thing as is included between a line or lines, according to the form or figure, of the thing designed, and is formed, or proceeded, by moving a line, as a line is by moving a point.

A — B
C — D

Suppose the line A B. was equally moved to C D. then will the points A B describe the two lines A C & B D. and so doing will form the superficies A B C D. a quantity which hath length & breadth, but no thickness.

only thirty-six members. Some of these had joined by letter, others by profession of faith, while others only "owned the covenant"; but they were a serious-minded people, and they had set about erecting a new church to take the place of the old shell. They had advanced it so far that, on the third of November, 1790, the Little Minister was ordained therein. For forty-seven years he will preach in that church, and then, in a farewell sermon, when his people are ready to move into a new building, he will call the pulpit of the old house "the dearest spot on earth to me."

That ordination in 1790 was a great event for the town, and was long remembered.* Seven learned divines from the neighboring towns were invited to constitute the Council, by whom the solemn ceremonies, occupying two days, were conducted. The town voted to pay the tavern-keeper for the entertainment of the Council, together with "all other gentlemen of the clergy, and Mr. Hill's relatives and friends". I wonder who of his relatives were there. Probably the father and mother came up from Cambridge, and his only brother Samuel may have come down from his home in Goshen, Vermont. The family was small; but they were bound together by strong ties of affection. In accordance with a cherished plan that they would all reside in the same town, as soon as Ebenezer was settled in Mason, the others followed him, and spent the balance of their lives near him.

There were no other relatives, but at that ordination, I wonder if Mary Boynton came up from Westford, as one of the friends. I do not know who came, but I am sure his mother was there; and I think that (in spite of the surrounding atmosphere of Calvinistic Puritanism, which sought to repress and wither every human instinct and emotion), the heart of that mother must have glowed with pride when she saw that boy—her boy, for whom she had done and suffered so much—stand in that solemn conclave, the center of all eyes, and receive the right hand of fellowship, the solemn charge, the consecrating prayer and the final benediction, that

*A full account, as taken from the records, is contained in the History of Mason, pp. 117-119.

marked his induction into the most dignified and influential office that the town could bestow. He was then nearly twenty-five years of age.

To commemorate the great event of an ordination in town, three elm trees were planted on the Town Common. Years after, at a time when the militaristic spirit ran high, one of them was cut down because it interfered with the movements of the soldiers in their drill. The other two have grown high toward heaven, and remain as stately monuments of a day and event long past.

Thus the Little Minister came to Mason, and having thus been duly installed as shepherd of the public flock, it became him next to prepare for his private flock. To that end he must have a wife and a house. In this as in all other matters he was prompt and active. Three months after his ordination, his friend the Rev. Samuel Dix, minister at Townsend, performed the marriage ceremony (Feb. 2, 1791) uniting Ebenezer Hill of Mason to Mary Boynton, of Westford. In age she was about ten months his senior. This, the Little Minister's first marriage, is believed to have been purely a love match. We can hardly say, however, that "Love greased his chariot wheels", for the bride was probably brought to town on an ox-sled. It was either that or on horseback. I prefer to think it was on horseback, the minister in the saddle, and the bride on the pillion, with one arm around her lord, to steady and secure her position.

Having thus secured the mistress, he must next secure the manse. The little farm of the old Scotchman, Capt. William Chambers,* was for sale. The house was very small, one of the oldest in town. It was neither papered nor painted, and contained only two small rooms and an attic. The land was fertile, though very rocky. It was conveniently located near the church. His mother could come and live with them. They were courageous and hopeful, and thought the house was big enough for three,—so the next month after his mar-

*Capt. Chambers came to Mason in 1775. During the Revolution, he was a Lieutenant of the U. S. Navy, on board a privateer commanded by Capt. Manly.

riage he bought the Chambers farm. How he paid for it I do not know. Perhaps the settlement of one hundred and fifty pounds that he was to receive from the town was sufficient for the purchase. This house stood a few feet to the northwest of the present mansion. After the latter was built in 1800, the old house was moved to the south of the mansion and located between it and the barn. There it was used as a tool shop, and stood for more than sixty years. It was then again moved, and was attached to the house now standing on the north side of the old garden, occupied by the Thomsons.

After Ebenezer Hill purchased the Chambers farm, his brother Samuel moved from Vermont to Mason, and settled at the foot of the Darling Hill where he remained until his death in 1813. Samuel, Jr., took his father to live with him, but the mother remained with her favorite son Ebenezer.

Thus the Little Minister began life in the little manse, and there began to accumulate his private flock. On the first day of October, 1791, the first child was born, a boy, named after his father, and perhaps also after his grandfather Ebenezer Cutler. Ebenezer was a favorite name in New England, and particularly in the Hill family. Doubtless the young father regarded that firstborn son with as much pride and affection as was permissible for a New England clergyman of that date to have for any carnal object; but, fifteen months later, there was another addition to the flock—and this time twins. The little house designed for three now held six. The burdens were coming thick and fast, but it is said that in performing the marriage ceremony our Minister always admonished the young couple by quoting Genesis 1:28. We may be sure he gave thanks when he was told that two daughters were born to him. They named them Sally and Polly (perhaps Sally for the grandmother Sarah Cutler, and Polly for the mother Mary Boynton, the names Sarah and Sally being considered the same, and Polly and Mary interchanged at will).

I think that Mary Boynton must have been of small stature—at any rate all of her children were. Each of them lived through many hardships to attain a good old age, but the rigors of a New England climate, and the care of those three infants, were too much for the mother. Fourteen

months after the birth of the twins, the Little Minister recorded in his registry of deaths: "March 2d, 1794, Polly, wife of Ebenezer Hill, aged 29 years."* This was his first bereavement. He had never before met the death of anyone nearly connected. There was doubtless a great funeral in the new meeting-house, and a sermon appropriate to the occasion by one of the neighboring ministers, probably Samuel Dix.

There were many strong bonds of affection between those early ministers; and whenever affliction came upon one of their number, they hastened to comfort and console. Our Little Minister was by many years the youngest of the preachers in that locality, and I think he was a favorite among the brethren. The Rev. Samuel Dix, of Townsend, was an especial friend. The historian of Townsend, writing of him, says: "Mr. Dix was held in high esteem by the Rev. Ebenezer Hill, of Mason, New Hampshire, who, at his own expense, caused two or three of his (Mr. Dix's) addresses to be printed as exemplars of eloquence as well as piety." Mr. Dix, a graduate of Harvard, introduced and recommended Mr. Hill to the church at Mason; he gave him the right hand of fellowship at his ordination; he married him to Mary Boynton; and I feel sure that he preached her funeral sermon. However that may have been, I think the brethren of the ministry did something more than console and comfort. There was imperative need for another mistress of the manse, and they cast about to find someone fit to be ennobled to the position of the Minister's wife. The time for sentiment was past, pious sense was now required.

Once, when rummaging among the old relics stored in the attic at Mason, I found a small leather packet, that had originally been covered with silk and embroidery, but was then crumbling in decay. Inside were some trinkets and a few folded papers, closely written over. The writing was

*This and other family records quoted in these pages are more fully given in a "Copy of a record on a loose sheet in my father's handwriting, made by J. B. Hill, October 23, 1878:—March 2, 1794, Polly, the wife of Ebenezer Hill, departed this life at ten minutes before 10 o'clock in the evening. She wanted 24 days of being 29 years old."

at a dedication of a Meet House N^o 381
Nov^r 26, 1795 -

Psalm 84. 1. -

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord
of Hosts! -

The b. of o. g. is evident from his wks - for
e invisible & of m for e creation of e
o r clearly seen. b. & by e & wth made
even his o power & head. And t g is to
b worshiped wth & homage, is not only
evident from his w^d, & vs to b e o vine
of reason - for t nations, however igno-
rant & barbarous, agree in giving some
k of worship to m. w^m off t are maker
& ruler of e o. - We w^o k are lot in a land
of vision & highly favored in compari-
son wth others. - We not only have in o wth
e evidence of his b. conveyed by his
wks, & t^h made aig^d wth his char^d o. s. &
r tant w^t is e acceptable revie wth he
w^o - and as it is e duty of individuals
to worship & bow down before e Fopmer
ies, may m of grate & av^s for his fav^r
& supplicate e by s wth w^o need, for p. fo-
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y duty to unite at some t times for e
purpose of worshipi m w^o rules in t o. s.
& has a right to y services. - y is e voice
of reason. - and it is req^d in e Rev w^h was
made. It was enjoined upon his antient
ppl, t y^o sh^d meet in a solemn Ass^y & hence
e P^o s. Enter into his gates wth d. & his
courts wth praise, & agreeable to y e Ap
to e Heb. Hs e X^m not to forsake e asser^s
bring t^o together - \ Reason & Rev point

A sample sermon manuscript, showing the Little Minister's characteristic neatness, and a few of his abbreviations and arbitrary word-signs.

faded and illegible on all but a part of one sheet, where it had been so folded that the lines were better preserved. There I traced the neat, clear penmanship of our Little Minister, as follows:

“Mason, June, 1795.

My dear Becky: (if I may be allowed to address you by that name, which liberty I wish for.)

I must own to a pleasure in your company which I have not lately found in any other person's; and, different from what happens in many other cases, the reflection pleases. I was led to seek an acquaintance with you from the character given of you by persons whose judgment I esteem, but the greatest fear I now have”

Alas! here the legible portion ended. There was nothing more on that little page. That pathetic, old packet, when it was fresh and new, belonged to the young widow, Rebecca Howard (then 23 years old), the daughter of Col. Ebenezer Bancroft, of Dunstable (now Tyngsboro), Mass.

How did the acquaintance begin? I think it was the faithful friend, Samuel Dix, of Townsend, not far from Dunstable, who selected Becky as the character needed, and brought the Rev. Ebenezer into the pleasing company of the young widow. At any rate, whatever fear the Little Minister had in paying his addresses must have been groundless, for about five months later Rebecca (Bancroft) Howard became the mistress of the little manse and the little ones it contained. Who married them, or where they were married, I do not know: perhaps the records of Old Dunstable would disclose.*

Eight days after the wedding, the new meeting-house, in which five years before the ordination services were held, was dedicated. Our Minister preached a long sermon, from

*Mr. Hill's private record says: “November 18, 1795. Ebenezer Hill and Rebecca Howard were joined in marriage by the Rev. Mr. Kidder, of Dunstable. Dec. 23, 1795, Mrs. Hill removed home.” This was not an elopement; but, on account of the recent bereavements of both bride and groom, they preferred to be married quietly away from home, leaving her pastor to announce the marriage on his return home from Nashua, where he married them. J. B. H.

the text "How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!" (Ps. 84:1); but I imagine that the eyes of the congregation would often stray from the pulpit to the first wing pew on the right—the Minister's pew—where sat the Minister's new wife, the first lady of the town. The building of that meeting-house was a great undertaking for that town. They were poor and weak-handed, and were long in finishing, but at length it was finished and dedicated.

Those early years of his ministry must have been for our Minister years of active, hard work. There were two long sermons to be created and written out each week. He could not have had many in the barrel when he began. His penmanship was typical of the man, small, neat, clear, like delicate engraving, every character perfectly drawn. He used in writing his sermons a system of shorthand, his own invention doubtless, by means of which the labor of writing was much reduced. In his parish work he usually had eight or ten weddings, and about as many funerals, each year. Of course seasons differed. He took an active part in public affairs, and was popular with the people, although there were few additions to the church in those early years. The church accessions of that day usually came from revivals that took place at intervals of about twelve or fifteen years, time being given for a new crop of the unconverted to grow up. Such a revival they had in Mason in 1785, and another in 1802, and another in 1827.

But if the Minister's church flock did not increase rapidly in those early years his private flock multiplied. One year after his second marriage came the third addition to his family—and again twins. On the 25th of November, 1796, the boys Joseph Bancroft and John Boynton were born. Colloquially they were called "Bancroft" and "Bineton", and by these names they have been known in Mason and vicinity ever since. The first of these twins would probably have been called Ebenezer Bancroft, after his maternal grandfather, had there not been already an Ebenezer in that generation. John Boynton was named in remembrance of the first wife's family. When he became old enough to think about it, he called this "an abominable imposition."

Those babes were born in the time of the bleak winds of November. The outer door of the little house opened directly into the living room; and that living room must have been at once kitchen, dining room, sleeping room and study. A single open fireplace furnished all the heat used, and by it all the cooking and washing must have been done. Life in that family, with five small children, the eldest barely five years old, the grandmother then about sixty-three, must have been for the Little Minister, and especially for that young mother, savored with hardship.

The New England winter came on. It was more than she could bear. She sank into consumption, and the following summer the death registry was again opened, and the Little Minister wrote: "July 12, 1797. Rebecca, wife of Ebenezer Hill departed this life ten minutes after one o'clock, p.m., aged twenty-six years, four months and seven days."

Another procession to the meeting-house on the hill; another funeral sermon, and condolence and sympathy from the brethren. But his beloved friend Dix could not be there; he was nearing his own end, and died a few weeks later. His biographer writes that "for some time before his death he experienced a degree of illness". But whatever may have been said or done by way of comfort or consolation there must have remained dire need in the parsonage. Doubtless the ministerial brethren bestirred themselves—they were a power in the land, and, when with divine unction they revealed to a devout soul the path of duty, to hesitate would be sin. Still it was no easy task, even for these strong persuaders, to find one with the needful endowments for the exalted position, who would be willing to begin her married life with a ready-made family of five small children in the little parsonage at Mason however great the honor might seem.

Notwithstanding that the need was greater than after the death of the first wife, a much longer time elapsed before relief was found. In 1798, the Minister's father Samuel, who had been living with Samuel, Jr., at the foot of the Darling Hill, died. It was a period of gloom, and those early years in the family history were years of trial and hardship to our Minister, "such", says his biographer, "as to leave traces on

his character ever after." But at length relief came, and the clouds were dispelled. *The* woman was found, and she was able, competent and ready. When, a long time afterward, she was asked what could ever have induced her, a young, attractive widow, belonging to a wealthy and honored family in the old town of Bedford, Mass., to leave the comfort and society in her father's ample mansion and undertake the care of that little parsonage home, she replied: "Well, I pitied those poor children; and then I always did have a very great respect for the ministry."

Abigail (Jones) Stearns, the Little Minister's third wife, was a noble woman, and much might be written in her praise. On the 29th of September, 1799, they were married. She was then about 28 years of age (born October 13, 1771), the daughter of Col. Timothy Jones, of Bedford, Mass., and the widow of Lt. Edward Stearns, Jr., who died only four and a half months after her marriage to him.* With her coming, the years of trials and hardships came to an end. She brought with her an ample dower, which furnished the needed relief. A new house, the present commodious mansion, was at once started and carried rapidly to completion. It is said that Timothy Jones, Jr., of Bedford, built this house for his sister, and that it is a copy of the Jones mansion in Bedford. My mother's grandfather Josiah Flagg, who had removed from Worcester, Mass., to Mason, about 1795, did the stone work on the new house, and it is creditably done. In it the family was installed, and it furnished them a comfortable home, so long as any of them remained in Mason.

Abigail Jones made an excellent stepmother, and long years afterward her tender care and loving kindness were gratefully remembered. She was honored by those for whom she had cared in their helpless infancy. Even the church revived after her coming. In the first ten years after our Minister was ordained, only eleven persons joined the church, and most of these by letter; but in 1800 four, in 1801 seven, and in 1802 forty-seven, joined by profession of faith. But the

*The Lieutenant's first wife was her sister Polly Jones, by whom he had one child, Edward, who lived but 18 months.

new wife, devoutly pious as she was, could not have had much time for anything outside her own household. Tradition says she was an expert in spinning wool, and kept the Minister busy in finding material for her wheel. In later years she trained her step-daughters Sally and Polly to the use of the wheel and loom, and they made from the wool the cloth that their brothers Bancroft and Boynton wore when they went to Harvard.

The new house was hardly finished when the sixth child of the Minister was born, (July 19, 1800), named Edward Stearns, after the mother's first husband. As in the case of the first boys, Bancroft and Boynton, the family preferred for everyday use the second rather than the first name, and always called this boy Stearns.

During that first ten years, the years of stress and trial, the Little Minister's chief earthly support was undoubtedly his mother. It was by her labor and exertion that in his early years he had been enabled to win his way through college; and in the early years of his ministry, it was her care and oversight that kept this little family from separation. It is pleasant to know that the last eight years of her life were passed in pleasure and comfort.

When the baby Stearns was about two years old, a girl was born (March 3, 1802). It would seem natural that the mother should give to this her first girl baby her own name, but no, not yet! This child must perpetuate the name of her father's second wife, and so she was called Rebecca Howard. The name Rebecca was also appropriate for this child as the grand-daughter of Rebecca Bateman Jones. But the mother's faith and patience had fruition, and two years later (Feb. 7, 1804) another girl joined the family group. She was named Abigail Jones, after her mother. On the 14th of December, 1806, the ninth child, another daughter, was born, and named Maria. The mansion was large; but, with nine children and the old grandmother, the little Minister had a pretty heavy burden. Unfortunately the Congregationalists did not, like the Methodists, increase the preacher's salary as the number dependent upon him increased.

The next year (1807), the oldest boy, Ebenezer, then

about sixteen, left home, and entered the office of Joseph Cushing, founder of the Farmers' Cabinet, at Amherst, N. H., to learn the printer's trade. Among old papers I found the first letter he sent home, written to his brothers Bancroft and Boynton. It was such a letter as you would expect from a brother to his younger brothers, somewhat patronizing, showing a little homesickness, telling of wonders to be seen at Amherst, of Mr. Cushing's new press from Boston, which they had to go after *on Sunday*, with a wheelbarrow, (I suspect it was this press that Horace Greeley used some years later), enquiring after everybody at home, and begging them to send him a letter. Mr. Robbins, whose turn it would be in two weeks to go to Amherst from Mason to get the papers for that town, would bring the letter.

The same year, 1807, "Grandmother Jones" died. I think that Mrs. Hill's youngest sister, Betsy Jones, came then to live in the Mason parsonage, which became her home until her marriage in 1813; or, possibly, after the death of Col. Timothy Jones, June 1, 1804, the widow came with her daughter Betsy to live at the old manse, and there she died Aug. 13, 1807.

On the 15th of March, 1808, another son was born, and named Timothy Jones, after his maternal grandfather. That year Bancroft and Boynton were in Tyngsboro. On the 30th of December of the same year, the grandmother, Sarah Cutler Hill, passed away, aged seventy-five years. The child Timothy Jones lived only a little more than two years; but, one month before his death, another daughter, Lucy Sylvania, was born (June 14, 1810). Two years later, the twelfth child, Adeliza, appeared, (June 14, 1812).

Up to this time neither deaths nor departures had reduced the number in the household. The family seems to have been prosperous and happy. The original farm had been enlarged by the purchase of a valuable meadow, a woodlot and a pasture. The boys, Bancroft, Boynton and Stearns, were easily able to do the farm work; while the girls, Polly, Sally, Rebecca and Betsy Jones, under the supervision of the skilled mistress, could manage the house and care for the ever-present infant contingent. They were all fond of music,

and delighted in "performing anthems". Singing-schools were prevalent and popular. Uncle Samuel Hill's family,* in which there were several cousins—girls and boys—was not far away, and the two families were very intimate.

*I have been interested in learning what I could about Great-Uncle Samuel and his family. He was born in 1764, at Cambridge, Mass., and was therefore about two years older than his brother Ebenezer. He came to Mason, probably in 1792, and remained there until his death, of typhoid fever, May 23, 1813, at the age of forty-nine. It is recorded of him that "He was a useful, industrious man, noted for sterling integrity and independence of character; a good husband, father and citizen." (Memoir of Rev. Ebenezer Hill, p. 8).

He married Dorcas Wyeth, born 1770, who came from an excellent family (so said Uncle Boynton) in Cambridge. There were at least seven children from this marriage, three of whom died in infancy. Of the others, Samuel, the oldest, taught school in Milford and in Fitchburg. About 1816 he went to Troy, New York, where he became a successful man of business. Years later Stearns Hill writes of meeting Cousin Samuel in New York City, where he was purchasing goods for his business. Isaac Hill, a younger son of Uncle Samuel, became a prosperous and much respected business man in a Massachusetts town. Sally, one of the girls, married, in December, 1814, Moses Barrett, of Lancaster, Mass., of whom Bancroft writes that he "had paid his addresses to her for about nine months. He is a nephew to Capt. Jesse Barrett, of this town, and I believe a person of considerable property." Another daughter Rebecca, married Jonathan Richardson, and became the mother of Charles P. Richardson, for many years the managing agent of the Columbian Mills, at Mason Village (Greenville, N. H.).

Dorcas (Wyeth) Hill died Jan. 19, 1807. In Sept. 1809, Uncle Samuel took his second wife Mary Adams, then about twenty-nine years of age. Uncle Boynton, who knew her well, said that Mary was a good woman and made Uncle Samuel an excellent wife. At the time she married him, she had a child, a girl, eight years old, whom Uncle adopted and named Almira Hill. By Mary Adams Uncle Samuel had several children, one of whom Mary married J. Porter Woodbury, a merchant of Boston, residing in Lynn, Mass. Her son, Charles Jephtha Hill Woodbury, A.M., Sc.D.,—President of Lynn Historical Society, writer of some very interesting historical monograms, lecturer on insurance—has been a business success.

After Uncle's death, Almira lived with her mother, and tenderly cared for her until that mother died. They are both buried in the family lot at Mason. I remember them well. Of the other children of Mary (Adams) Hill, I know nothing; but Mrs. Woodbury fre-

There were many young people in Mason. A Sunday-school was not established there until 1816; but from the time that his children were old enough to be instructed—probably from the time that the new home was occupied—every Sunday afternoon after the second church service was over, it was the custom of the Little Minister to gather his family about him and carefully go over with them the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism, explaining and commenting on the doctrines therein contained. These exercises practically ended the Sabbathday observances. That end must have been to those children a glad relief!

In October, 1812, the high tide of population in the Mason family was reached. There were on the first of that month, apparently, eight girls, including Betsy Jones, and three boys, at home. But the ebb soon began. On October 12, 1812, Betsy Jones married James Wood, Jr. The following January (17, 1813) Polly Hill married Timothy Wheeler, and on the tenth of October following, Sally Hill, not to be far behind her twin sister, married Josiah Merriam. The grooms were all substantial farmers and residents of Mason. The girls had not much chance to meet beaux in other towns. They all set up their family penates in Mason, and were near the old home, but no longer inmates. About Jan. 1, 1815, Bancroft writes to Ebenezer, Jr.: "'Tis surprising to see the alterations a few years make in a family. Three years ago there were three small girls living in this, namely Polly, Sally and Betsy Jones. They are all now married and have a likely son each."

When the last of the three brides left, there were still five girls and three boys remaining. Bancroft and Boynton were then about seventeen, small in stature, but active and healthy. With Stearns' assistance they easily did the farm work and found time for other things. They hunted over the hills for rabbits and partridges. They fished the brooks for trout. They watched the evolutions of the militia on training days. At the annual muster in October—usually held in Temple—

quently came to Mason, to visit Uncle Boynton and the scenes of her childhood. Uncle visited her luxurious home in Lynn. I once accompanied him.

they were on hand with keen appetites when the beef and bread were distributed to men and boys alike. They read all the books they could get hold of, and frequently walked to Temple, seven miles distant, to draw books from the Columbian Library in that town. Sometimes they made visits to their Grandfather Bancroft's in Tyngsboro, and to their aunt, Mrs. Towne's, in Stoddard. They undoubtedly attended all the winter schools, and probably studied at home. In January, 1814, Bancroft writes: "I have cyphered about four weeks this winter, and expect to get through the Rule of Three today." Boynton undoubtedly kept along with his brother, for they studied out of the same book. They boosted each other. While they were in college, it was said of them that Bancroft was the better of the two in mathematics, while Boynton was superior in "the humanities". This was undoubtedly true, for I find that in later life Boynton, who all his life was a lover of the classics, was sending mathematical problems to Bancroft for solution. Bancroft solved the problems, but took no pleasure in Latin and Greek.

Sometime in 1814 these boys determined to try for a college education. Their older brother Ebenezer opposed their ambition. He thought the means of the family were too slender to allow of any such extravagance!—and he was about right—but their father sympathized with them, and promised, if they would do the farm work for the next two years, he would help them all he could in their college career. So they set about their preparation. They attended an academy taught by Mr. Daniel Gould, at Tyngsboro, in the winter of 1815, boarding at their Grandfather Bancroft's. Then they came home and did the farm work in the summer of 1816, studying in the meantime as much as they could.

In September, 1816, Bancroft writes from Mason to one of his Tyngsboro schoolmates: "Haying, reaping, hoeing, etc., kept us busy until the latter part of August. We made a shift, notwithstanding, to get through with the Aeneid, and paid a little attention to scanning. Since then we have been employed with Tully." He then goes on and discusses Vergil and Cicero in a learned fashion. On Thanksgiving Day, the following November (14th), he writes to his Brother Ebene-

zer, in Troy, N. Y., "Boynton and I have been studying Latin and Greek the past season. We went to school one month, the rest of the time at home. Today we have performed the anthems 'O praise the Lord, all ye people' and 'Tell ye the daughters of Jerusalem'."

It is a little remarkable that, in this letter, he did not mention a recent occurrence which in most families would be considered worth mentioning, namely, the birth of another child. Could it be that that oft-repeated phenomenon had lost interest? On the 16th of October, 1816, Martha, the thirteenth child, was born, and in his first letter to Ebenezer, Jr., written less than a month after, (and I know from the reply that Ebenezer had not received a letter from Mason between those dates) Bancroft did not think to mention the new sister! This letter was not sent by mail—too expensive—but by the hand of 'Cousin Samuel' Hill, in whose printing office at Troy, N. Y., Ebenezer, Jr., was then employed.

In the winter of 1816-17, these boys taught schools in Massachusetts, Bancroft at Carlyle and at Townsend, and Boynton in Winchendon. They then returned to Mason, where their former teacher, Mr. Gould, was boarding in the family. They studied under his direction, and worked on the farm, until July, when they went to the Academy at New Ipswich. This Appleton Academy was in that day a famous school, and our Little Minister, from 1813 to 1830, was one of its trustees and sometime President of the Board. In the fall they matriculated at Harvard. Thus came another diminution of the family group, and it was a pretty serious one.

Stearns was now seventeen years of age, and on him devolved the management of the farm. He was strong, energetic, active, and loved farm work, but it was a pretty heavy burden for a seventeen-year-old. Agricultural labor was not compatible with the dignity of the ministerial profession. The Little Minister was scrupulous to maintain that dignity; his office was a sacred calling. Even had he been willing, and capable of farm work, to which he was never trained, his official duties demanded all his time and strength. The days of horseback-riding and the pillion had gone by; it was then the time of the 'one-hoss shay'. In it our Little Minister went

rolling and bouncing over the hills of the countryside for miles around. I remember that old black 'shay', high in the air, the body swung on stout leather straps, two tall wheels, stout shafts, and a hood that came down well in front to keep off the rain. It stood for many years in the old barn, too strongly built to decay, and too antique to be used.

In 1818 there was a disease that they called 'throat distemper' (probably diphtheria), which made sad ravages among the children in Mason and vicinity. It was like a plague, and the consolations of the pastor were sought for in every direction. They were hardly in the mood for Thanksgiving, which was not observed until December 31st of that year. On that day, Stearns writes: "We sang Wesley, Walsal, Stand up, my soul, Sinai, The Heavens are telling, and Strike the Cymbal, which went very well." This was rather an ambitious musical programme.

The boys, Bancroft and Boynton, came home for a short time in the fall, and then went away to teach school,—Bancroft in Weston, Mass., and Boynton in Tyngsboro. Their Harvard class had rebelled against the college government, and had all been dismissed. It might be supposed that our Minister would be much distressed by this escapade, but he heard their story very calmly, and seemed rather to sympathize with the boys. The rebels, all except three or four, came back, some sooner, some later, under an amnesty proclamation issued by the college authorities. I suspect that our kinsman Bancroft was a prominent offender, not in the original transgression but in the protest and defiance of college authority which the class made because they thought the punishment of their offending classmates was unjust. Bancroft remained at Weston, and taught his school, disregarding the offer of pardon on prompt return. When finally he did come in, he was advised that he had been expelled; but he succeeded in securing a revocation of that edict, and was a few days later reinstated.

All the family were much interested in these college boys, as frequent letters from their sisters Polly and Sally—then still resident in Mason—give abundant evidence. Sally was a superior woman, and her letters are of interest. In one,

written July 10, 1819, to Bancroft, then at Cambridge, she writes: "Behave well, and be steady. If short for cash, spend as little as possible. Do not trouble yourself about what you owe me. If you never pay, it is no matter. I conclude Doct. Johnson told you that there was another stranger had come into our midst—another brother added to our number. God grant that he may be a blessing and comfort to us all. I suspect he is an unwelcome guest to our father." Thus she announced the birth (June 30, 1819), of Timothy the last of the fourteen children.

It may be as well for us now to take a glance over the household and see whom we have. In 1820 the Fourth National Census of the United States was taken. The family of the Rev. Ebenezer Hill then, beside the father and mother consisted of Edward Stearns, twenty years of age; Rebecca Howard, eighteen; Abigail Jones (familiarily called Nabby, who lived with her sister Sally Merriam, and who, when asked by the latter if she wished to send any message to her Brother Bancroft, then in college, said: "Tell him he is a saucy block-head") aged sixteen; Maria, fourteen; Lucy Sylvania, ten; Adeliza, eight; Martha, four, and Timothy, one. There was also a young man called Horace, about the age of Stearns, who worked with him on the farm. In 1821 Nabby went to school in Jaffrey, boarding in her aunt's family. In 1821 Stearns became of age. He had been the family reliance for several years, and they viewed his departure with apprehension.

The Little Minister was now the oldest of all the ministers in that region in point of service, and one of the most highly esteemed. Of those clergymen who stood with him at his ordination only two remained. He was often called to serve on public occasions in the neighboring towns, most frequently for preaching funeral sermons, in which branch of his profession he was very able. These sermons were often printed and preserved by the afflicted families as a memorial for the dead and a warning for the living. When the revival seasons came around, he was often away from home for several days, aiding his brethren in other parishes. And the pastoral cares of his own town were exacting. When epi-

demics, amounting almost to plagues, swept the town, he ministered to the sick, buried the dead, and comforted the survivors. In 1822 two of the children of his daughter Polly died in the space of two days and in 1825 two of Sally's children died in one month.

In 1822 (Feb. 26) Sally's babe died, only twenty-one days old. Her brothers wrote her letters of sympathy and condolence. In her reply to one of these letters, she gives expression to the mother's love struggling with the mother's religion. She writes: "I feel my loss very much,—full as much now as I did when she first died. I think that time has not weaned my affections in the least from the dear child; but I trust I do not complain. God has done me no injustice. He gave me my comforts, and He takes but what He gave. It is a severe trial, and I feel it hard to submit to it; but I do not doubt that it is all for the best that I am afflicted, and God for some wise purpose has done it. What that purpose may be, futurity alone can unfold. I hope I shall bow in humble submission to the divine will, and not by my selfish complaints provoke Him to take my remaining comforts. My child is undoubtedly taken from the evil to come. Her state is now unalterably fixed, and it does not become me to indulge in unprofitable doubts and fears respecting her state. This we know: She has gone to a just God, One who will not do her any wrong. But I must confess I have many distressing, anxious fears concerning her future welfare. God grant that we may meet her in His presence, never more to separate."

About this time, convinced of the evils of intemperance, the Little Minister zealously undertook a temperance reform, and banished from his cupboard the square case-bottle of Medford rum, from which he and his brethren had so often drawn cheer and comfort. And, further to set an example in the breaking off of bad habits, he gave up chewing tobacco.

In 1821 Bancroft and Boynton graduated from Harvard College. After a short visit in Mason, the former began a school in Milton, Mass., and the latter took charge of Garrison Forest Academy in the suburbs of Baltimore, Maryland. Stearns looked after the farm through the summer, and in the

winter taught schools in Londonderry and in Merrimac, N. H. Through these years the family were much concerned about the oldest boy, Ebenezer, Jr., who had left Troy, N. Y., in 1819, and gone to Alabama, and later to Tennessee. They rarely heard from him.

In the summer of 1822, Stearns, having successfully completed his winter school-teaching, planned to attend the academy in Derry; but he was so much needed at home that he gave up his plan, and came home to manage the farm. In July he went to Concord, the State Capital, "to see the House organized, and hear the election sermon preached," etc. He does not tell us much about the sermon, but the music made a great impression. He writes: "The music was new to me, almost the whole of it. The first was from Old Colony Collection, 'The great Jehovah is our awful theme, Sublime in majesty, in power supreme, Hallelujah!' Second, 'Gently, Lord, O gently lead us Through this lonely vale of tears'. Third, 'When winds breathe soft along the silent deep.' Fourth, 'Sound an alarm, your silver trumpets sound.' Fifth, 'Hear my prayer, O God.' Sixth, 'Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.' Seventh, The Discourse. Eighth, 'Strike the cymbals.' Ninth, 'Thou wilt shew me the path of life; In Thy presence is fulness of joy.' Tenth, Judgment Hymn. Eleventh, Extract from the Intercession, 'Father, Thy word is just; Man shall find grace.' Twelfth, 'Then round about the starry Throne.' Thirteenth, 'To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry.' Fourteenth, 'Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.' Fifteenth, 'Comfort ye My people, saith your God.' Sixteenth, 'Hallelujah Chorus.' Deacon Gould was the chorister. Hon. James Bingham played upon the bass viol, his brother the flute. There were a trumpet, violincello, violins, etc. It was the best singing I ever heard."

After the summer's work was finished, Stearns and Rebecca, in the 'one-hoss shay', made a visit to Bancroft at Milton. Later Stearns left for Derry to attend school, and taught again in Londonderry, and (I think) in Bedford, Mass. In the summer of 1823 he came back and managed the farm work. In this year both Nabby and Rebecca were teaching

school in Mason and boarding at home. Bancroft and Boynton finished their schools and returned to Mason for a short vacation. The latter had determined to study law, and the former concluded to go to Baltimore and take charge of the Garrison Forest Academy, where Boynton had been.

The day before Bancroft's departure in September, his father wrote out and delivered to him, "to be opened on the journey", a long letter of religious exhortation, advice and warning. Among other things, he feared that his son, devoted to music and very fond of "performing anthems", might, in singing the sacred words of that class of music, take the name of God in vain. When Bancroft opened the letter, we do not know. He went to Boston and took ship for Baltimore; but, in attempting to pass around Cape Cod, the ship was wrecked. No lives were lost, but they had a narrow escape and great difficulty in getting to land, which they reached somewhere near Barnstable. From this place Bancroft wrote to his father (Sept. 8, 1823) a vivid account of the disaster; and the old gentleman, unwontedly disturbed, wrote him another long letter, beginning "My very dear Son restored to me again from the very jaws of death." "My very dear Son" was a form of address that he never used unless he was greatly moved. He usually wrote, with dignity and repression, "My Son."

Boynton did not get home until after Bancroft had departed. In fact, I think he remained in Maryland until his brother arrived. After his return to Mason, he went for a short time to the Harvard Law School, then read law in the office of Mark Farley, Hollis, and was admitted to the bar. He opened an office in Nashua, where he remained for a year or two, and then removed (1827) to Townsend, Mass., and later (1828) to Maine. During these years he was frequently at Mason, and took a deep interest in looking after the welfare of the family.

Stearns, after teaching in Milton, Mass., through the winter of 1823-24, went to New York City, where he was employed by Mr. Clapp, hardware and looking-glass merchant, who married a daughter of Dea. Houghton, of Milton. I suspect that Stearns' acquaintance with Mrs. Clapp's sister Catharine may have had something to do with his locating in

Mr. Clapp's employment. He learned the business thoroughly, enjoyed it, and was taken into partnership. On June 26, 1827, he married the said sister Catharine Houghton.

In 1825 Nabby, who (I think) had been teaching in Fitzwilliam, N. H., and there made the acquaintance, married John Kimball, a resident of that town. Thereby another of the family was removed.

About this period, it was noticed, the Little Minister did not appear as cheerful as in former years. He seemed saddened and depressed by some unseen burden. The truth was that he was anxiously concerned about his children, particularly his boys, four of whom had grown into manhood and gone out into the world. On behalf of all his children his deepest anxiety was in regard to their spiritual welfare. Year after year he had preached and prayed and catechised, but not a single one had made profession of faith; none had been moved to seek admission to the church. In his mind they were all outside the ark of safety, and he was depressed in spirit. His letters to his absent children are full of anxious entreaty, argument and regret. For many years there had been few additions to his church, and an apparent absence of any interest in religious matters.

But a change was coming. His earnest prayers were not unheard. In 1826-27 there was a great revival in Mason. The Little Minister's 'shay' was seen in every part of the town, as he went seeking out penitents, attending daily public meetings and nightly gatherings for inquiry, examination and instruction. A large accession to the church was made; and among others Lucy Sylvania, then about seventeen years of age, professed a saving faith and was the first of his children to join the church. But what a struggle! Convicted of sin, she shut herself in her room, and alone fought the conflict. The family placed food at her door—which remained untouched. No one interfered. She had been instructed. The father prayed. An awful solemnity weighed down to household. At the end of the second day she found peace.

Lucy soon went to New York, to the family of her brother Stearns, intending to spend the winter and engage in teaching. In August she was taken sick, nothing very serious apparently,



HOME OF THE REV. EBENEZER HILL

Built in 1799, and still in excellent preservation. The cut is made from a pencil drawing by Mrs. Hill's niece Betie Jones Wood.

but a physician was called, and in the method of those days dosed the patient with calomel and jallop, blistered—and perhaps bled—her. Ten days later (Aug. 14, 1827) she died. In those days there were no means of rapid communication. The family knew nothing of the illness until after her death and burial. Stearns wrote a letter of sad details to Boynton, who was then at Townsend. He repaired at once to Mason, and calling the family together in the old northwest parlor, read in broken portions, his voice choking with sobs and emotion, the sad recital. For months later gloom hung over the household. The Little Minister thereafter always referred to her as “the lamented Lucy Sylvania”. The “Little Timmy” that had died an infant seventeen years before was forgotten. This was practically the first break in the family group by death—the beginning of the end.

On the fourth of June, 1829, Maria married Oliver H. Pratt, a worthy man, residing in Mason, near the home place. Thus three of the girls had found homes in the old town. On the 10th of August, 1829, Boynton was married to Achsah G. Parker, a native of Hollis, a relative of the Worcester family. He took her to his home in Exeter, Maine. She was well educated, deeply religious, had a great influence over her husband, and was loved and respected by his family.

In September, 1829, word was received that Nabby, who had married John Kimball, was seriously ill. The Little Minister started at once for Fitzwilliam, about twenty miles distant. Arriving there he found her apparently better, and returned home with this cheering intelligence. But soon another message came. About one year previous to this time, an electric storm struck Fitzwilliam and did much damage. The home next to the Kimballs was shattered, and some of the inmates severely injured, while the Kimball home received a less severe shock but sufficient to render Nabby partially insensible for a time. It made her very nervous at the time of storms. Unfortunately, the next day after her father left her convalescent but very weak, a terrific storm rolled from the Monadnock, enveloping the town and so exciting the patient that a relapse ensued and her case was considered hopeless. All the family at Mason repaired at once

to Fitzwilliam, and were present at the bedside when the end came (Sept. 9, 1829). Her father wrote of her: "It is about four years since she indulged a hope of gracious acceptance in a crucified Savior. She had proposed to profess publicly her faith, and unite with the visible Church of Christ in a short time, and in her sickness she greatly lamented that she had delayed it until the time was past,—a solemn warning to us all to beware of delays."

But while the family were in deep grief over the death of another of their number, there came from a far-off country news that made the father's heart glad. There had been a great revival in the region around Fayetteville, Tennessee, and his boys, Ebenezer and Bancroft, had both, at a Cumberland Presbyterian camp-meeting, been converted. The Little Minister, in the same letter to Boynton in which he had written of Nabby's death, writes: "Thus are our judgments mingled with mercies, and we are called to rejoice and give thanks for special favors as well as to mourn under bereavements." A long letter of joy and thanksgiving, beginning "My very dear Son", was immediately dispatched to his far-off boys. A little in doubt, I think, as to the efficacy of a Tennessee camp-meeting conversion, he earnestly enjoins upon his sons a diligent and careful self-examination. "But I entreat you, my sons, be very careful. Examine well and pray earnestly, lest you be deceived. Oh! my children, look carefully for evidence that old things are indeed done away and all things become new." But such was the gloom in the old home that Rebecca became subject to fits of melancholy. Stearns sent for her to visit him in New York. She went, but it was with lamentations and oft-repeated declarations that she would not live to return,—that she would follow her sister Lucy Sylvania. The visit did her good.

Sometime in 1829 or early in 1830, Adeliza became engaged to Benjamin Wheeler Merriam, a native of Mason, and (I think) residing there when the engagement was formed. He was generally spoken of as Wheeler Merriam, another example of the then tendency to use the second name in preference to the first. It was expected that the marriage would soon take place; but this course of true love did not run

smooth, and the engagement was broken. "It was", Sally writes, "Adeliza's act", but she was very unhappy about it. She was teaching school and, breaking down, was carried home sick. The engagement was subsequently renewed, but the marriage did not take place until April 4, 1833.

In the meantime (1831), from Exeter, Maine, where Boynton had established himself, came cheering reports. He was getting rich, had a large practice, had bought a farm; but, best of all,—because of his wife's influence, perhaps—he was active in religious matters, had family prayers, worked in the church, superintended the Sunday-school, etc. But later came the intelligence that the "beloved Achsah" was ill. Adeliza went to Exeter to aid her brother in this trial, and remained there until after Achsah's death (May 6, 1831). Of the girls, Martha was left alone at Mason to aid her mother in the household cares. When information of the critical condition of Boynton's wife reached his father, the latter started at once for Exeter, and was, I think, present at the end. Over the roads and in the conveyances of those days, a journey of about one hundred and forty miles across the country was a serious undertaking. After her return from Exeter, Adeliza writes to her brother (June 3, 1831): "After a very fatiguing journey, we all arrived at home on Friday last. We found the traveling exceedingly bad, and were detained two days on account of wet weather. I was discouraged a great many times, and often feared I should never reach home. But, through the kind care of that Being who ever watches over us and protects us from innumerable dangers, we got through our journey without injury, except from fatigue. Mr. Parker was almost worn out; and on my own part I do not believe I could have held out to ride much farther."

About this time troubles arising out of the relations between the Mason church and the town began to grow acute. Notwithstanding that large accessions had been made to the church in the years just previous (from 1826 to 1831, over one hundred were admitted to Mr. Hill's church on profession of faith), only a small minority of the population of the town were church-members, and not all who were church-members belonged to his church. There were—and there had been from

the days before the Little Minister came to Mason, Baptists in the town, and they had established a church of their own. Naturally when it came to collecting taxes for the support of the established church, they were dissenters and protested vigorously. Sometimes they were excused, and sometimes they were distrained upon. They had no church building, and they claimed that, as they had been taxed to aid in building and keeping up the meeting-house, they were entitled to share in its use for their church services. And now, in 1831, another sect appeared, calling themselves "Christians", and they flourished apace. With all these dissenters the Little Minister maintained friendly relations. Many of the converts in the revivals conducted by him joined the Baptist Church. Some of the Baptists joined his church, and were therefor roundly labored with by the Elder and his associates. Then there were a large number who belonged to no church, and were not willing to be taxed for church support. Annually the question of providing for the preacher's salary as one of the town's expenses came up at town-meeting, and of late years the opposition had been growing. It was somewhat of the old spirit of 'no taxation without representation'. Those who had no part in the church management, no control over its expenditures, and no desire to benefit from its ministrations, naturally objected to paying the expenses.

This was not in Mason alone, but in every town where the old contract remained in force. That same year Adeliza writes: "They are trying to get rid of Mr. Miles in Temple, and it will be father's turn next." So strong was the opposition that, at one town-meeting about this time, they voted not to pay the minister's salary; but the contract was legal, the town was bound. Another meeting was called, and the salary granted. "The opposition party," I quote from one of Adeliza's letters, "were so much enraged that they determined to do something, and they had a warrant put up for another meeting, 'To see if the town will dismiss the Rev. Ebenezer Hill, and to adopt measures to carry said article into effect.' They seemed to think there was no doubt but that they should accomplish their object; but they found, on examining the town records, that it was not so easy a matter as they had

imagined, for it is there stated that he was settled for life, unless he forfeit his ministerial character. They were so much chagrined that when the time of the meeting arrived, only about fifteen of their party attended, and there were about three to one on Father's side. They appeared very much ashamed, and slunk away in silence, and probably will remain so until Satan can invent something new for them." It may be as well to mention here that this contract was kept and faithfully performed by the contracting parties until 1835, a period of forty-five years, when Mr. Hill voluntarily released the town* from an obligation that had become irritating to so many of his townsmen.

In 1832 Rebecca was in Exeter, caring for the home of her brother Boynton. The younger children were growing up. Timothy was twelve years of age. Martha, who was sixteen, was attending the Academy in New Ipswich. Maria's husband, Mr. Pratt, and Josiah Merriam, Sally's husband, looked after the farm in these years. The latter had sold his farm in Mason, and later moved to Garland, Maine. In the fall of 1832 Adeliza went to New York to visit her brother Stearns; and, her engagement to Benjamin Wheeler Merriam having been renewed, she married him on the fourth of April, 1833. I do not find a record of the marriage in Mason, and presume it took place in New York.

But the old manse was not deserted, and still rang with childish voices. Stearns' oldest boy, Edward Stearns Hill, Jr., and Nabby's only surviving child, Maria Frances Kimball, made long visits to their grand-parents; and Sally and Polly, living near at hand, and each with a full hand of children, doubtless contributed to the youthful life in the mansion. The New York families began to come on in the summer.

In June 1834, the Little Minister and his wife made the journey to New York to visit their children. In the fall of that year Martha was critically ill; and Stearns, who was then visiting there with his family, wrote that her life was despaired of. But she recovered.

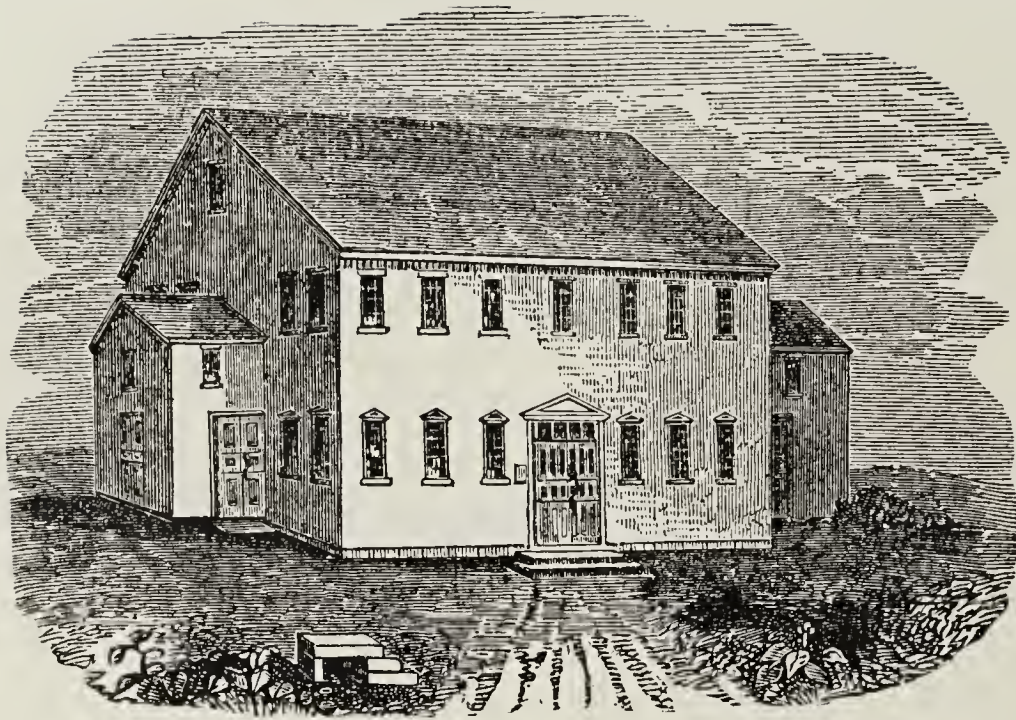
*His pastoral relation to the church, however, was never dissolved until his death, some nineteen years later.

In the summer of that year, Timothy, just merging into manhood, bidding fair to become physically the largest of all (and such he became), and of such "manliness", his sister writes, that all loved him, was converted and joined the church. All were now in the fold, save Martha, and she was, the next year, reported to be "anxious".*

I have a letter written by Boynton to his partner Appleton, in September, 1835, that is rather interesting and suggestive of the conditions of that day. A few days previous, he had started from Bangor, where he was then located, and traveling "by mail", as he expressed it, had reached Lowell, Mass., where he was at the Merrimac House. He writes "Judging from what I have seen thus far, it is the prince of hotels. Nothing in Maine is fit to be compared with it for comfort and accommodation; and few, if any, can show a greater list of entries." Two days later he writes from Boston: "I arrived here this afternoon, on the cars from Lowell. Of this mode of traveling I am compelled to speak well. It is indeed admirable. Nothing has so nearly realized the tales of magic as the application of steam. I pray we may soon have a railroad from Bangor to Boston, and then it will be but an excursion of pleasure for our citizens to visit this place,—and even the New Jersey peach orchards would not be out of reach of our citizens."—This was evidently his first ride on the cars.

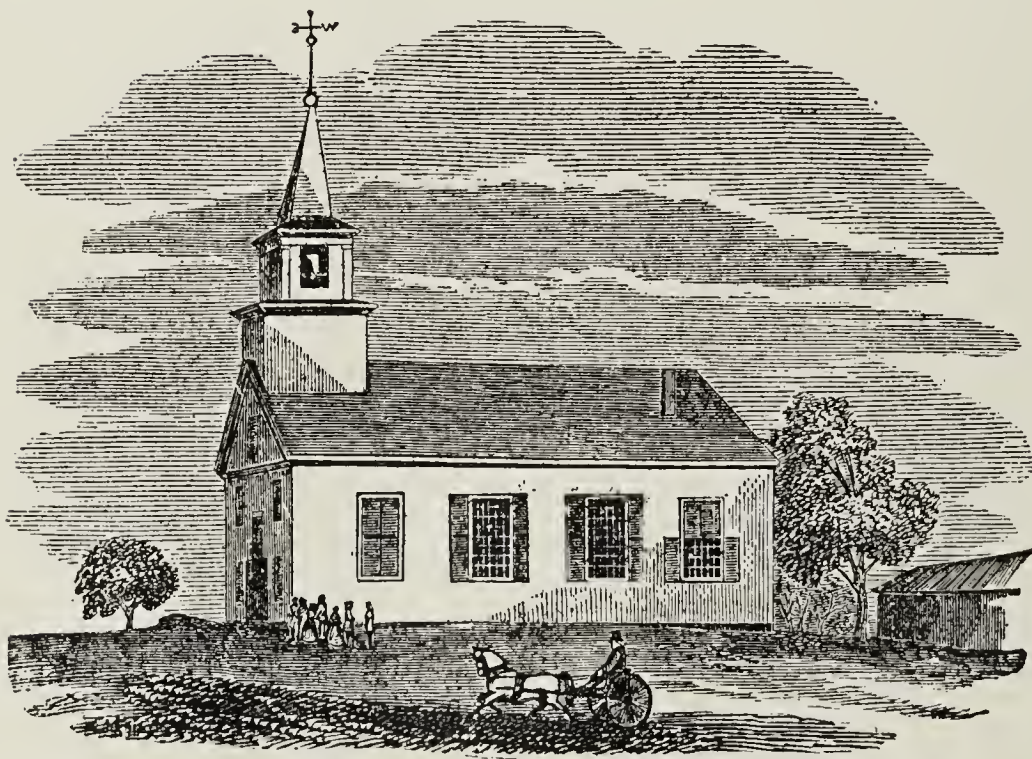
In the fall of 1835, Sept. 10, Maria, who had married Mr. Pratt some six years before, died after a short illness. About two years before, Mar. 11, 1833, she had lost her only child, a boy a little over two years of age, whom she had named Ebenezer Hill, and over whom she had prayed that he might become a minister like his grandfather.

*Martha's daughter, who read the proof sheets of this Sketch, reports that her Aunt Rebecca did not unite with the church until March 5, 1866; and that it was said that she then "ran all the way to the house when she went to present herself for that purpose, 'for fear she would change her mind.' The reason, I doubt not, was because she was brought up on a 'miserable worm' diet, like myself, and feared she was not truly a child of God. But that was not due to Grandfather's instruction but to the teaching of the celebrated Finney."



THE OLD MEETING-HOUSE

In which the Little Minister preached 47 years. First occupied on the day of his ordination. Dedicated Nov. 26, 1795.



THE NEW MEETING-HOUSE

Dedicated in 1837. In this building the Little Minister remained Pastor for 17 years, after having preached 47 years in the Old Meeting-House. In the later years the work was increasingly turned over to colleagues.

The children of the Little Minister had a strong affection for their father, but it was mingled with a reverential admiration that prevented familiarity. Neither he nor they ever lost sight of his sacred calling. He was now (1835) approaching the 'three score years and ten'. His daughter Polly writes of him at that time: "Our father is in good health for one of his years, but I can see that he fails, although his mental faculties are uncommon. It is thought that he preaches better as he grows older." But he himself felt that the church would be more prosperous under a younger man. He called a public meeting, and reminded his people that he was growing old, expressed his willingness to resign, and suggested the appointment of a committee to nominate his successor. Such a committee was appointed, and he was made its chairman. He remarked to a friend: "I wish to resign my pastoral charge now, while I am in full possession of my mental faculties, lest in remaining longer they become so impaired that I may be unwilling to resign."

The next year (1836) the Rev. Andrew Reed was secured as his colleague. The old church building in which the ordination services had taken place nearly forty-seven years before, was inconveniently located on a windy hilltop, and was no longer suitable for the church services. In 1837 the present church edifice was built on a plot of ground given by Mr. Hill for church purposes.* Thereafter, although he had a colleague, our Minister did not stop preaching. Every Sunday found him in the pulpit, often at home, but more frequently in other towns,—in Ashby, in Sharon, and more than elsewhere in Brookline, N. H., where he carried on a very successful campaign of church work.

In the fall of 1836 Boynton came from Bangor, Maine, his then home, to Mason, and was there very ill. He later writes to his sister Rebecca that he owed his life to her devoted care and nursing. She afterwards seems to have developed tuberculosis,

*The old deed is among our papers. Many years later some thrifty Yankee undertook to convert the horsesheds on that ground into a storage warehouse, but Uncle Boynton stopped that proceeding by threatening the forfeiture of the land, if diverted from church purposes.

and for several years was an invalid, often unable to leave her chamber, but she slowly recovered a fair degree of health.

In the winter of 1836-37, Martha taught school in Jaffrey, N. H., boarding with her Aunt Mary Sylvania (Jones) Cutter, who, she writes, "has eight boys, one named Ebenezer Bancroft". The following April she went to New York City, and spent the summer with her sister Adeliza.

About this time Stearns, who had been quite successful in his business, but who had always longed for a life in the country, sold his business, and, leaving his family with his father-in-law at Milton, made a trip West through Illinois and South as far as Tennessee, where he visited his brothers, Ebenezer and Bancroft. He was spying out the land for a good location, but he came back with the report that it was not so roseate as it had been painted. His wife was opposed to going West. There was now a need of someone to carry on the farm at Mason. Mr. Pratt had gone to New York. The boy Timothy was struggling to prepare for college, going to school at New Ipswich in the fall and winter, and working on the farm between times. Stearns writes to Bancroft: "I have not yet decided where to locate myself. Father and mother wish me to stay in Mason, for they do not feel willing to leave the old place. . . I don't like Mason, but wish to follow duty, and hope it will be made plain to me." It was apparently made plain to him that he ought to go to Mason. In November, 1837, he moved thither and undertook the management of the farm. He did not live in the mansion, but hired a house near at hand.

The new meeting-house was finished; and the bell, secured by a special deputation sent to Boston for it, had been hung and rung. "It is the wonder of the town", writes Rebecca. Mr. Pratt came back from New York, moved the building where a store had been kept from the west to the east side of the road (now the Thompson house), and opened a country store in it.

The next season (1838) Stearns moved the old barn from the west side of the road to the east side, placing it on a foundation of rocks collected in enormous quantities from all over the farm. Martha came back from New York. In August, 1838, Timothy went to Hanover, N. H., and entered Dartmouth College. As Stearns had undertaken the farm work, Timothy,

then nineteen, could be spared. His brother Boynton loaned him the needful funds. The old home was growing more quiet. Timothy was at home for brief visits during his college course, but his vacations were spent in teaching.

In 1839 Martha again taught school in Mason, and also in Jaffrey. That same year, Bancroft, after sixteen years of absence, came from Tennessee to visit the old home. For some years he had been preaching in the South. He preached in the new meeting-house at Mason. Mr. Reed desiring to leave, the church was moved to invite Bancroft to become his father's colleague. After his return to Tennessee, a formal call was sent to him. He accepted, but did not come to Mason until about June, 1840. The Little Minister was still active, and his fellow townsmen elected him their representative in the Legislature in 1839 and again in 1840.

Stearns carried on the farm for two years, and worked hard but it did not pay. He lost money. In 1840 he again went West, and bought a tract of land near Peoria, Illinois, and moved thither. It took him seventeen days (9th to 26th of April) to travel with his family from New York to Peoria, and his goods which went by way of New Orleans were forty-six days in transit. But, he says, they "had a very pleasant journey", "the scenery most of the way delightful", and his chattels "came in good order." He bought a tract of land, and went courageously to work, but the title to his land proved defective. He lost all he paid for it, and early in 1841 returned to New York, and opened a grocery store in Brooklyn.

Stearns writes of the West: "My disappointment was in not finding a market for what I could raise, in the want of schools for our children, and the want of society and the comforts of life in general." He gives a very interesting sketch of that country at that day—its advantages: rich soil, abundant crops, easy of cultivation, excellent for cattle; and its disadvantages: poor market, no schools, no society, chills and fever, mosquitoes and *fleas*. He had lost money in every move; but with optimistic courage—one of his many excellent traits of character—he writes: "If I am successful in my present business, I can make that in one year, and support my family."

Mr. Pratt, who had undertaken to keep a store in Mason,

failed, was sold out, "lost everything but honor", and coming to the old mansion took charge of the farm. Martha had another term at New Ipswich Academy, and was enthusiastic in her Latin, particularly in her study of Vergil. Adeliza came on in the summer with her family, and Boynton frequently visited the old home. Bancroft—still a bachelor—lived with the family. He seems to have been very successful in his church work in the beginning. There was a great revival, with eighty accessions to the church in 1841. Mr. Pratt still carried on the farm. Our Minister, having established the Brookline church, and secured for it a pastor, the Rev. Daniel Goodwin, was preaching in Sharon. Martha spent the winter of 1841-42 in New York. In April, 1842, Edwin R. Hodgman, of the class of 1843 at Dartmouth, was at the Mason home, in poor health. Stearns was located in Brooklyn.

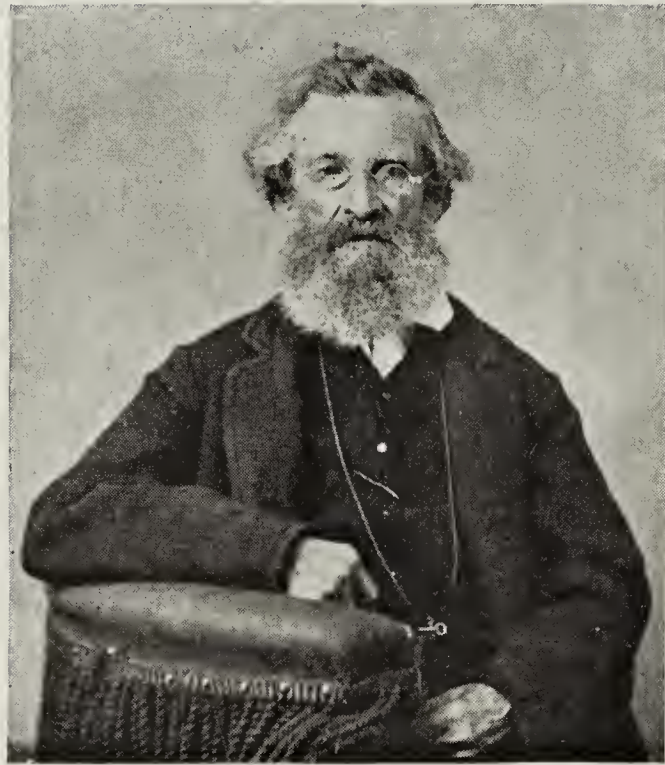
In 1842 Timothy, who had been teaching at Townsend, graduated from Dartmouth. He came home, two dollars in pocket, and remained through the summer, looking for employment. In the fall he went to New York; and, boarding with his brother Stearns in Brooklyn, entered Union Theological Seminary. The following summer he came home to Mason. The Little Minister was then preaching in Bennington, N. H. Bancroft was in charge of the Mason church, and that year attended the Dartmouth commencement. On his way thither he visited his aunts, one in Stoddard and one in Alstead.

In the fall of 1843 Bancroft went West, to bring home from Illinois his nephew, Samuel Wheeler, who had gone to pieces physically and financially. Timothy taught school in Stoddard through the summer. In the fall he returned to the seminary in New York City, boarding at Mr. Merriam's in the new house* then just completed.

In 1844 Mr. Hodgman, who had been at Andover Theological Seminary transferred himself to Union. Martha was then living with her sister Adeliza. Timothy, having a room in the seminary building, was (Nov. 29, 1844) looking forward to his graduation. In this year Stearns, through the failure of a for-

*It was not however the house he built at 312 Fifth Avenue, which was for over 60 years the home of the Merriam family.

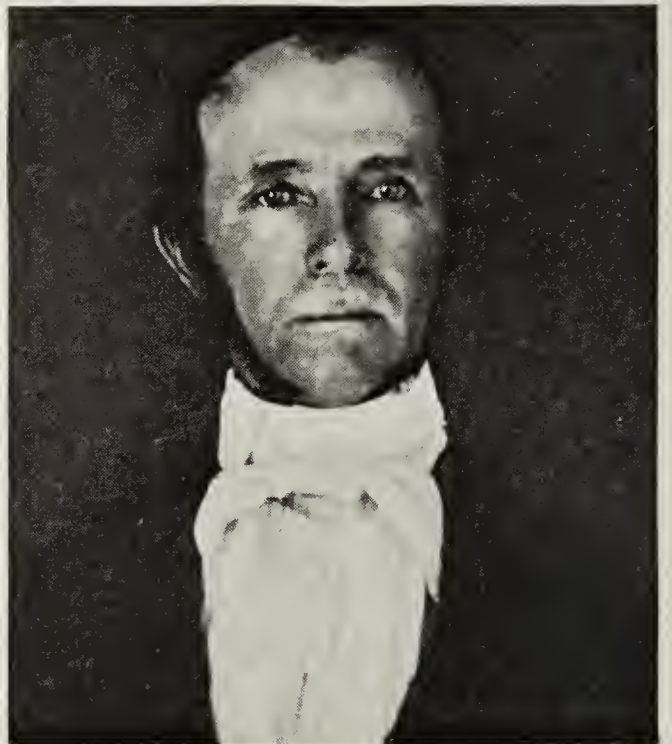
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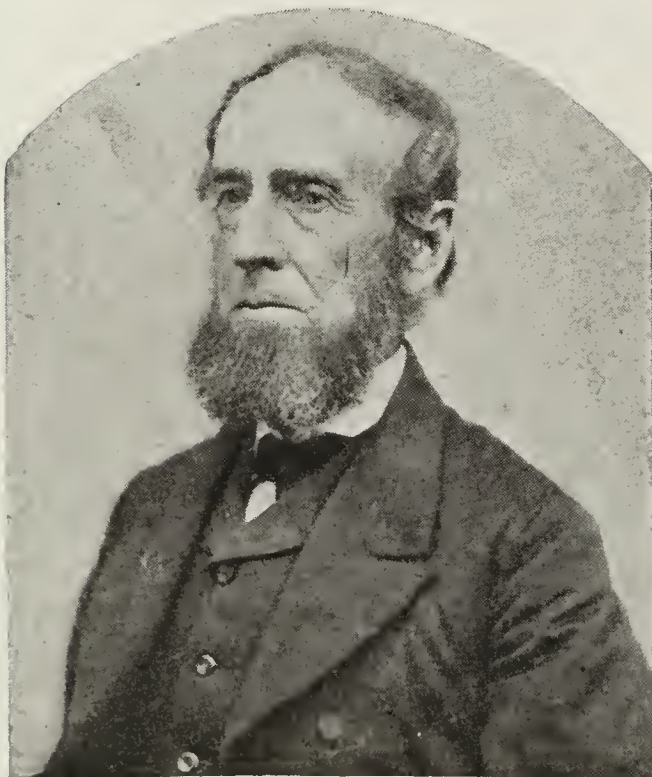
EBENEZER



BOYNTON



BANCROFT



STEARNS



TIMOTHY

An effort was made to get pictures showing these brothers at somewhere near the same age

FOUR OF THE EIGHT DAUGHTERS



POLLY



SALLY



ADELIZA



MARTHA

No pictures of the other four daughters have been made

mer partner to meet assumed obligations, failed and made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, but he was cheerful and courageous.

On July 16, 1844, occurred the meeting at the old mansion of all the Little Minister's children then living. Ebenezer (Tennessee), Boynton and Sally (Maine), Stearns, Adeliza and Timothy (New York), Bancroft, Polly, Rebecca and Martha (Mason), for the first and the last time met together. Ebenezer had gone to Troy, New York before the younger children, Adeliza, Martha and Timothy, were born. He had never seen them until he came on to attend that meeting. "We are all here," writes Martha. "All this side of the spirit land are now congregated under their father's roof, to spend a few days renewing the affections and sympathies of home . . . There is something in the atmosphere of home that dissolves all formality. The man of fifty, alike with the youngest member here is known by the name his mother gave him. . . Our house resounds with the sound of the viol, the merry laugh and cheerful voices. . . When we are all gathered around the family board, my father sits like an aged patriarch at the head, and both sides are lined with his descendants to the farther end of the room." Martha says of Ebenezer, Jr., whom she had never seen: "He is a small, dried-up, mummy-like figure, very plain and simple in his manners, not at all like Bancroft or any of the rest. But I like him, for he is kind, amiable and affectionate." After the July gathering had separated, the old mansion at Mason was unusually quiet. Of the children only Bancroft and Rebecca were at home. A hired man carried on the farm.

Early in the following year (1845) there are rumors that Bancroft is to be married. Timothy finishes his seminary course, and after a short visit home in August and September, receives an appointment from the American Home Missionary Society, and leaves for St. Louis. His departure, Sept. 28, was attended with observances that give us an indication of the deeply religious atmosphere that pervaded that household. I copy from an account written by Martha: "We have gathered around the family altar, as we were wont in our earliest years. My father's voice was unusually tender, solemn and earnest as he commended 'our son and brother' to a Covenant-keeping God, asking that,

if it was consistent with His will, we might all be permitted to meet again on earth. [His prayer was granted.] My brother Timothy's simple and heartfelt committal of himself and all his friends to God was very pleasant to the soul. Brother Bancroft gave thanks for the special goodness of God as exercised toward this family in restraining, guiding and directing us until we reached this period in our youngest brother's history. Edwin [Mr. Hodgman] prayed fervently for His blessing and guidance upon him in all his wanderings. Afterwards we sung the hymn 'Blest be the tie that binds', in St. Thomas, my father's trembling voice uniting with the rest. Brother Timothy, in a simple and feeling manner, expressed his gratitude to father and mother for their kindness and faithfulness to their wayward boy. It had been the means of saving him from ruin. He had entered the path of the scorner, but soon retraced his steps, from the thought of the sorrow it would bring his parents' hearts."

Before leaving for Missouri, Timothy attended the wedding ceremonies of the marriage of Bancroft to Harriet Brown (Aug. 26, 1845), at Antrim, N. H. The newly wed made a wedding journey to New York, and then came back to the old manse in Mason, where they remained for a few months, and then set up housekeeping in a nearby dwelling.

On the 17th of September, 1846, the marriage of Martha to the Rev. E. R. Hodgman took place at the old mansion. The Little Minister performed the ceremony. The wedding guests were numerous. After a trip to Maine, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgman returned to Mason, and seem to have remained there for a year or two. In the meantime he was preaching around the country, wherever he could get a chance. He was not successful in his profession, and was often compelled to seek shelter with his father-in-law. On Oct. 17, 1847, his first child, named Edwin Ruthven Hill Hodgman, was born at Mason.

In 1847, and again in 1850, 1853 and 1854, Timothy, the youngest son, made the long trip back from Missouri to the old home to visit his aged parents. After his father's death he returned in 1856 and in 1857 to see his mother. On the first of these return trips he visited his oldest brother Ebenezer in Fayetteville, Tenn. His niece, Emily A. Hill, an attractive girl, then about eighteen years of age, accompanied him from

Fayetteville to Mason, and remained with her grandfather a year or more; but coming from her father's large family, in the genial climate and fertile fields of Middle Tennessee, she was terribly homesick.

In January, 1847, the church people gave a donation party to their senior pastor. Address, response, prayer, singing of hymns, and Scripture reading made up the exercises. About this time, the location of the new meeting house, that had been dedicated about ten years before, began to cause great dissatisfaction. The little mill that had been constructed on the Souhegan River in the northwestern corner of the town, some ninety years before, had been multiplied, and new mills erected until a thriving village—first called The Harbor, then Souhegan Village, then Mason Village, now Greenville—had grown up about them. The accessions to the church had come so largely from that village that a majority of the members were its inhabitants. They became very tired of climbing over the hill, two and a half miles, to attend church services, and demanded a change. They even discussed the feasibility of moving the meeting-house to the village. Such removal not being practicable, the village members determined to withdraw and establish a church by themselves. This they accomplished in 1847. The same year (April 22, 1847) Bancroft resigned the junior pastorate, and a few months later moved to Colebrook, N. H.

But these things did not trouble our Minister. About 1846 he began to fail in body and mind. There was no sudden breakdown, but he was eighty years of age. He slowly grew feebler until he reached the end. The closing years were years of quiet peace. In the summer season, children and grandchildren visited the old home.

In 1852, after a visit to Mason, Bancroft writes to Timothy of his father, then eighty-six years old, "He passes much of his time in a dozy, rather than a lethargic condition; but his condition of mind and body partake so much of lethargy that he is spared those painful emotions that would be so unpleasant to one of his active and independent temperament, had he the power to see and contemplate the wreck of what he once was . . . Mother fails, I think, quite as rapidly as

father did at her age, and is, in some respects, quite as insensible of her failure. Boynton exercises a watchful care over their interests, personal and pecuniary, which may set all our minds at rest with respect to these interests, so far as they can be made safe and agreeable by the ability of a child anxious to secure the welfare of parents fast sinking into the vale of imbecility. Rebecca has bared her shoulders to the burdens which have fallen upon her—burdens of no ordinary weight, which she bears with a self-denial, readiness and cheerfulness worthy of all praise, and with an ability far beyond what we could have expected. She appears to feel that she is in the line of duty,—that it is for this that she has been spared in health and strength, and that in the performance of that duty she is saved from a lonesome and solitary condition. She is freed from cares of a domestic character that she may devote all her time and energy to the care of her parents.”

I remember, about 1852, the Little Minister as a tottering old man, his gray hair neatly braided into a queue, clothed in a luxurious dressing robe (a gift from Adeliza), every step that he took carefully watched by Aunt Rebecca. And they wrote of him: “He yields slowly, inch by inch, but calmly, quietly and submissively. I have never heard the least murmur or complaint fall from his lips.” Thus he went down, until, on May 20, 1854, the end came.

A few days before—April 24, 1854—Martha, after a married life of about seven and a half years of hardship and suffering, died at Lunenburg, Mass., where her husband was then preaching. Her remains were brought home and buried in the old Mason Cemetery.

Rebecca was left alone with her aged mother; but soon after, Edwin and Harriet Hodgman, Martha’s children, were brought to the old manse, and there found a home, and in their Aunt Rebecca a mother’s care and nurture, until they reached their maturity. Their old Grandmother Abigail Jones Hill lingered on, in quiet, peaceful helplessness, until April 26, 1859, when she followed her husband.

About 1860 Boynton, who had for many years been the support of the family, closed his business in Bangor, and took up his residence in the old mansion. He brought with him his



THE AGED TWINS

Polly and Sally Hill were so much alike that often even their own children could not tell them apart



NEARING LIFE'S END

The Little Minister and his third wife lived happily together nearly fifty-five years

library, and filled the house with books and papers. It became the home of a retired scholar, but not of a recluse or an ascetic. Fond of the pleasures of the table (leaving out all alcoholic drinks), his life at Bangor—ease and good living combined—had developed a tendency to obesity. Short in stature, he became excessively fat. It was “horrible”, he said. His physicians warned him of apoplexy. With characteristic energy and decision, he sold his business, moved to Mason, accepted the plain fare of a country farmhouse, drank tea like a Russian, dug and spaded his garden, and worked on the woodpile, until he had worked off some thirty to forty pounds of his corpulence. Thereafter he so regulated his exercise and diet as to hold it down. The daily papers kept up his interest in the outside world. For mental recreation he delved into the classics. If at night he could not sleep, he lighted his bedside candle, and from some volume in the original, placed on the stand for such an emergency, he summoned for company the old Greek heroes, or found pleasure in the wit and humor of his favorite Horace. He was a favorite with his nephews and nieces, though the most of them were rather in awe of him, because of his learning and of his quick manner of acting and speaking. He instructed some of them in their preparations for college. He was hospitable, warm-hearted, fond of good company,—and there were many visitors at his table.

Thus life went on in the old manse until April 9, 1883, when the death of Rebecca ended a life of devoted unselfish service of others. She was a noble woman, aristocratic in the best sense of the word, fond of her family, deeply religious, with strong affections, a keen sense of humor and a great interest in public affairs.

After the death of Rebecca, Boynton remained in the old home with his niece Hattie Hodgman until 1884, when, the latter having determined to leave Mason, he removed to Temple. With his departure, the life of the Little Minister and his family in the old home was ended.

H. S.

REV. EBENEZER HILL

BORN IN CAMBRIDGE, JAN. 31, 1766.

GRADUATED AT HARVARD COLLEGE, 1786.

ORDAINED PASTOR OF THE CHURCH
AND MINISTER OF THE TOWN OF MASON
NOVEMBER 3, 1790.

DIED MAY 20, 1854, IN THE 89th YEAR OF HIS
AGE, AND THE 64th OF HIS MINISTRY.

A FAITHFUL SERVANT, HE DEVOTED HIS
TIME AND STRENGTH TO THE WORK OF HIS
LORD AND MASTER; READY AT ALL TIMES
TO DIRECT THE ENQUIRING, TO CHEER THE
DOUBTING, TO WARN THE SINFUL, TO VISIT THE
SICK AND AFFLICTED, AND OFFER TO THEM
THE COMFORT AND SUPPORT OF RELIGION;
AFTER A LONG LIFE OF USEFULNESS, HE
DEPARTED IN PEACE, HUMBLY TRUSTING TO
RECEIVE THE WELCOME MESSAGE, WELL DONE
GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT, ENTER THOU
INTO THE JOY OF THY LORD.

HIS CHURCH AND PEOPLE DEVOTE THIS
TABLET TO HIS MEMORY.

The Little Minister's epitaph on a marble tablet inserted in a granite monument, in the cemetery at Mason, N. H.

The Family of Ebenezer Hill:

THE LITTLE MINISTER OF MASON

Genealogical Notes by his Grandson, JOHN B. HILL

FIRST GENERATION

1. The Rev. Ebenezer Hill, (son of Samuel Hill and Sarah Cutler), b. Jan. 31, 1766, Cambridge, Mass.; d. May 20, 1854, Mason, N. H., aged 88 years, 3 months and 20 days; grad. Harvard College, A.B., 1786, A.M., 1789; taught in Westford, Mass., 1786-88; studied theology under the Rev. Seth Payson, Rindge, N. H.; licensed by a Congregational Association, Oct. 28, 1788, Ashburnham, Mass.; ordained, Nov. 3, 1790, Mason, N. H., where he remained pastor nearly 64 years; trustee of Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, N. H., 1813-30, and sometime President of the Board of Trustees; representative in the New Hampshire Legislature, 1839 and 1840, declining reelection; Chaplain of the House; published 12 sermons, and two lectures on the History of Mason.

Ebenezer Hill married, 1st, Feb. 2, 1791, Townsend, Mass., Mary Boynton (dau. of Nathaniel Boynton and Rebecca Barrett), b. Mar. 26, 1765, Westford, Mass.; d. Mar. 2, 1794, Mason, N. H., aged 28 years, 11 months, 6 days. Children, Nos. 2-4, below.

Ebenezer Hill married, 2nd, Nov. 18, 1795, Nashua, N. H., Rebecca (Bancroft) Howard (dau. of Col. Ebenezer Bancroft and Susannah Fletcher), b. Mar. 5, 1771, Tyngsboro, Mass.; d. July 12, 1797, Mason, N. H., aged 26 years, 4 months, 7 days. She m. 1st, Jan. 6, 1790, Samuel Howard, of Chelmsford, Mass., who d. May, 1790. They had one child, Rebecca Howard, b. Oct. 25, 1790; d. Aug. 25, 1793, Tyngsboro, Mass. Two children by her second marriage, Nos. 5-6.

Ebenezer Hill married, 3d, Sept. 22, 1799, Bedford, Mass., Abigail (Jones) Stearns (dau. of Col. Timothy Jones and Rebecca Bateman), b. Oct. 12, 1771, Bedford, Mass.; d. Apr. 26, 1859, Mason, N. H., aged 87 years, 6 months, 14 days. She married, 1st, Jan. 1, 1798, Bedford, Lt. Edward Stearns, Jr., (b. June 25, 1768; d. May 17, 1798), who had married, 1st, her sister, Polly Jones, (b. Nov. 17, 1769; d. June 28, 1796, having had one child, Edward Stearns, 3d, who d. Feb.

1796). Nine children by Abigail's second marriage, Nos. 7-15.

All descendants of the Rev. Ebenezer Hill can claim membership in Revolutionary Societies, through the services of their ancestor Samuel Hill, who was a private soldier in the Revolution, from 1776 to 1783. Nathaniel Boynton, father of the first wife of the Rev. Ebenezer Hill, was fifty-three years old when the Revolution began, and apparently never served as a soldier. Ebenezer Bancroft was wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He had been commissioned as Ensign in 1757, and became Lieutenant Colonel in 1781. Timothy Jones was a Second Lieutenant in the Lexington Alarm, 1775; First Lieutenant, 1781; Captain, 1787; Lt. Col., 1792. Membership in various Colonial Societies, can also be claimed by all Hill descendants based upon patriotic service of several ancestors in each line.

SECOND GENERATION: CHILDREN OF THE REV. EBENEZER HILL:

2. Ebenezer Hill, Jr., b. Oct. 14, 1791, Mason, N. H.; d. May 16, 1875, Manchester, Tenn., aged 83 years, 7 months, 2 days; printer, in Amherst and Nashua, N. H., and Troy, N. Y., 1807-19; and in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee, 1819-75; also farmer in Tennessee; published, 1825-62, *Hill's Almanac*, edited by the Rev. Joseph B. Hill. He married, Feb. 12, 1824, Fayetteville, Tenn., Mary Tate Bryan (dau. of James Bryan and Elizabeth Neely), b. Feb. 26, 1799, Pendleton, S. C.; d. Apr. 18, 1871, Fayetteville, Tenn. Eight children, 16-23.

3. Polly Hill (twin to Sally), b. Jan. 13, 1793, Mason, N. H.; d. Mar. 3, 1881, New York City, aged 88 years, 1 month, 20 days. She married, Jan. 17, 1813, Mason, N. H., Timothy Wheeler, (son of Timothy Wheeler and Sarah Hubbard), b. Jan. 16, 1783, Concord, Mass.; d. Jan. 21, 1854, Mason; a farmer in Mason. Eleven children, 24-34.

4. Sally Hill (twin to Polly), b. Jan. 13, 1793, Mason, N. H.; d. Nov. 5, 1880, Garland, Maine, aged 87 years, 9 months, 22 days. She married, Oct. 10, 1813, Mason, N. H., Josiah Merriam (son of Ezra Merriam and Susannah Eliot), b. Apr. 19, 1790, Mason, N. H.; d. Aug. 17, 1876, Garland, Me.; blacksmith and farmer, Mason, N. H., Exeter and Garland, Me.; deacon in Congregational church. Seven children, 35-41.

5. John Boynton Hill, (twin to Joseph Bancroft), b. Nov. 25, 1796, Mason, N. H.; d. May 2, 1886, Temple, N. H.,

aged 89 years, 5 months, 7 days; grad. Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, N. H., 1817, and Harvard College, 1821, Phi Beta Kappa; teacher in Garrison Forest Academy, near Baltimore, Md., 1821-23; admitted to bar, Oct. 7, 1826, Hillsboro, N. H.; lawyer, Nashua, N. H., Townsend, Mass., Exeter, Me., and Bangor, Me.; in Maine Legislature, 1853-55, speaker, 1855; retired to Mason, N. H., 1862, and to Temple, N. H., 1884; author of *Memoir of the Rev. Ebenezer Hill*, 1858; *History of Mason, N. H.*, 1858; *The Mason Centennial*, 1868; and *Reminiscences of Old Dunstable*, 1878, all of which contain valuable historical and genealogical information bearing upon the Ebenezer Hill and allied families. He married, Aug. 10, 1829, Hollis, N. H., Achsah Parker (dau. of Capt. Isaac Parker and Olive Abbott), b. June 24, 1799, Hollis, N. H.; d. May 6, 1831, Exeter, Me. One child, 42.

6. Rev. Joseph Bancroft Hill (twin to John Boynton), b. Nov. 25, 1796, Mason, N. H.; d. June 16, 1864, Chattanooga, Tenn., aged 67 years, 6 months and 21 days; grad. Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, N. H., 1817, and at Harvard College, 1821, Phi Beta Kappa; teacher, Weston and Milton, Mass., and at Garrison Forest Academy, near Baltimore, Md.; admitted to Tennessee Bar, Sept. 19, 1828; ordained, Cumberland Presbyterian, about 1830, evangelist in the South, 1830-40; colleague-pastor with his father in the Congregational church, Mason, N. H., 1841-47; pastor, Colebrook, N. H., 1847-57; pastor, West Stewartstown, N. H., 1857-62; school commissioner of Coos County, N. H.; removed to Temple, N. H., 1862; agent of U. S. Christian Commission, 1864, until his death by a railroad accident, while caring for wounded soldiers; edited *Hill's Almanac*, (published by his brother, Ebenezer), 1825-52; also a hymnbook and other religious literature. *A Brief Memoir of the Rev. Joseph Bancroft Hill*, by E. R. Hodgman, was published in 1868. He married, Aug. 26, 1845, Antrim, N. H., Harriet Brown (dau. of Capt. Isaac Brown and Sarah Flagg), b. June 20, 1819, Antrim, N. H.; d. Mar. 18, 1910, Temple, N. H. Six children, 43-48.

7. Edward Stearns Hill, b. July 19, 1800, Mason, N. H.; d. Mar. 24, 1874, Rosemond, Ill., aged 73 years, 8 months, 5 days; student at academy, Londonderry, N. H.; taught at Londonderry and Merrimac, N. H., and Milton and Bedford, Mass.; merchant in New York City and Brooklyn, 1824-37 and 1842-57; farmer, Mason, N. H., 1837-40, Peoria, Ill., 1840-42, and Rosemond, Ill., 1857-74. Married, June 28, 1827, Milton, Mass., Catharine Houghton (dau. of Jason Houghton and Catharine Wilde), b. Oct. 4, 1806, Milton, Mass.; d.

June 20, 1892, Oconto, Wis. Seven children, 49-55.

8. Rebekah* Howard Hill, b. Mar. 13, 1802, Mason, N. H.; d. Apr. 9, 1883, Mason, aged 81 years, 26 days. She never married, but spent her whole life at the old home, caring for her aged parents and others.

9. Abigail Jones Hill, b. Apr. 7, 1804, Mason, N. H.; d. Sept. 9, 1829, Fitzwilliam, N. H., aged 25 years, 7 months, 2 days. She married, June 2, 1825, Mason, N. H., John Kimball (son of Isaac Kimball and Sally Cutter), b. Dec. 17, 1798, Temple, N. H.; d. May 7, 1866, Fitzwilliam, N. H.; blacksmith and toolmaker. He married, 2d, Jan. 24, 1831, Fitzwilliam, N. H., Jane Sophronia Richardson, 1802-91. Two children, 56-57, by first wife, and four by second wife.

10. Maria Hill, b. Dec. 14, 1806, Mason, N. H.; d. Sept. 10, 1835, Mason, N. H., aged 28 years, 8 months, 26 days. She married, June 4, 1829, Mason, N. H., Oliver Hosmer Pratt (son of Benanuel Pratt and Lucy Hosmer), b. May 17, 1802; merchant and farmer, Mason, N. H., and cooper, Townsend, Mass.; deacon in Mason Church; member of N. H. Legislature six terms. He m. 2d, May 6, 1841, Mason, N. H., Catharine Warner, of Groton, Mass., who d. Mar. 4, 1860. He m. 3d, —, Ruth Warner, (cousin of the second wife). One child by first marriage, No. 58; one child by second marriage, died young.

11. Timothy Jones Hill, b. Mar. 15, 1808, Mason, N. H.; d. July 8, 1810, aged 2 years, 3 months, 23 days.

12. Lucy Sylvania Hill, b. June 14, 1810, Mason, N. H.; d. Aug. 13, 1827, New York City, aged 17 years, 1 month, 29 days.

13. Adeliza Hill, b. July 9, 1812, Mason, N. H.; d. June 14, 1881, New York City, aged 68 years, 11 months, 5 days. She married, Apr. 4, 1833, —, Benjamin Wheeler Merriam (son of Samuel Merriam and Lucy Wheeler), b. May 8, 1803, Mason, N. H.; d. Apr. 24, 1884, New York City; manufacturer and dealer in mirrors, New York. Eight children, 59-66.

14. Martha Hill, b. Oct. 31, 1816, Mason, N. H.; d. May 2, 1854, Lunenburg, Mass., aged 37 years, 6 months, 2 days. She married, Sept. 17, 1846, Mason N. H., Rev. Edwin Ruthven Hodgman (son of Buckley Hodgman and Betsy Pratt), b. Oct. 21, 1819, Camden, Me.; d. June 1, 1900, Townsend, Mass.; studied at Amherst College one year, and Dartmouth College, A.B., 1843, and at Union Theological Seminary and Andover Theological Seminary, 1846; or-

*She always used the spelling "Rebekah—the only way the Bible spelled it."

dained, Congregational, May 17, 1849, Orfordville, N. H.; supplied churches in New Hampshire and Massachusetts; Town Clerk of Westford, Mass.; nine years Superintendent of Schools; author of *A Brief Memoir of Rev. Joseph B. Hill*, and of the *History of Westford*. He m. 2d, Jan. 5, 1856, Abbie Pollard Simonds, who d. June 21, 1881. Four children by first wife, 67-70, and one (d. young) by the second wife.

15. Rev. Timothy Hill, D.D., b. June 30, 1819, Mason, N. H.; d. May 21, 1887, Kansas City, Mo., aged 67 years 10 months, 21 days; educated at Appleton Academy, 1838, Dartmouth College, 1842, and Union Theological Seminary, 1845; D.D., Highland University, Kan., 1873; taught in N. H., Mass., and Mo.; licensed by the Third Presbytery of New York, Apr. 18, 1845; ordained by the Presbytery of St. Louis, Oct. 22, 1846; supplied churches in Monroe County, Mo., 1845-46, St. Charles, Mo., 1846-51, St. Louis, Mo., 1851-60, Rosemond, Ill., 1861-63, Shelbyville, Ill., 1863-65; organized Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Mo., and supplied it, 1865-68; superintendent of Home Missions in Synod of Missouri, 1860, and in Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory and Texas, 1868-87; moderator of Synod of Missouri four times; frequent contributor to the religious press, and author of many historical sermons and addresses; living in Kansas City, Mo., 1865-87. Copies of a large typewritten memorial volume—*Timothy Hill and Western Presbyterianism*, by his son, John B. Hill (1923)—are to be deposited in the libraries of Union Theological Seminary and certain Historical Societies. He married, Nov. 2, 1854, St. Louis, Mo., Frances Augusta Hall (dau. of Lewis Hall and Mary Cory), b. Aug. 26, 1821, Westtown, N. Y.; d. Jan. 29, 1907, Kansas City, Mo.; educated in N. Y. City, and under Mary Lyon in Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary; taught in New York, Miss., and Mo., 1843-54. Four children, 71-74.

THIRD GENERATION: GRANDCHILDREN OF THE REV. EBENEZER HILL

III. CHILDREN OF EBENEZER HILL, JR., No. 2.

16. Elizabeth Mary Hill, b. Jan. 13, 1825, Fayetteville, Tenn.; d. Mar. 21, 1892, Fayetteville, unmarried.

17. Ebenezer Hill, 3d, b. Apr. 8, 1826, Fayetteville, Tenn.; d. June 19, 1898, Elora, Tenn.; printer, Fayetteville; music dealer, Kelso, Tenn. He married, May 20, 1856, Ruth Ann Gregory (dau. of Tunstall and Elizabeth), b. Nov. 14, 1827, Lincoln County, Tenn.; d. July 18, 1886, Flintville, Tenn. Four children, 75-78.

18. (Daughter) b. and d. Sept. 25, 1827, Fayetteville, Tenn.

19. Emily Ann Hill, b. Nov. 21, 1828, Fayetteville, Tenn.; d. Mar. 30, 1892, Manchester, Tenn. She m. Sept. 21, 1869, Fayetteville, Tenn., James Edwin Hough, M.D., (son of Ephraim and Jerusha), b. Oct. 26, 1824, Hamptonville, N. C.; d. May, 1893; physician, druggist and merchant, Manchester, Tenn. No children by this marriage, four by a former one. The wives were cousins.

20. Edward Stearns Hill, b. July 22, 1830, Fayetteville, Tenn.; d. Sept. 25, 1833, Jackson, Miss.

21. James Bryan Hill, b. June 6, 1832, Fayetteville, Tenn.; d. Mar. 29, 1892, Fayetteville; daguerreotypist, jeweler, Fayetteville, Tenn.; served in 41st Tennessee regiment, Confederate. He m. Nov. 26, 1868, Fayetteville, Maggie Collins Bearden (dau. of Alfred Bearden and Maggie Downing), b. June 11, 1848, Lincoln County, Tenn.; d. Aug. 12, 1886, Fayetteville, Tenn. Five children, 79-83.

22. Sarah Catharine Houghton Hill, b. Dec. 22, 1835, Fayetteville, Tenn.; d. July 15, 1861.

23. William Joseph Hill, b. Apr. 11, 1838, Fayetteville, Tenn.; d. July 23, 1917, Old Soldiers' Home, Nashville, Tenn.; farmer, near Fayetteville; Confederate soldier, badly wounded at Chickamauga. He m. Sept. 17, 1873, Fayetteville, Maggie Tabitha Eldridge (dau. of Bowlin and Susan), b. June 22, 1856, Fayetteville. Five children, 84-88.

III. CHILDREN OF POLLY HILL, No. 3.

24. Samuel Hubbard Wheeler, b. Oct. 20, 1813, Mason, N. H.; d. Mar., 1889, Mason; farmer; served in Co. C., 16th N. H. Inf., 1862-63. He m. 1st, June 9, 1845, Mason, N. H., Mary Ames (dau. of Joel and Sally), b. Dec. 18, 1814, Mason, N. H.; d. Mar. 4, 1860; four children, 89-92. He m. 2d, Nov. 11, 1862, Sophia Augusta Campbell (dau. of Henry Campbell and Sophia Lund), b. May 22, 1828, New Boston, N. H.; d. June 20, 1913; two children, 93-94.

25. Ebenezer Wheeler, b. Aug. 7, 1815, Mason, N. H.; d. Nov. 17, 1842, near Naples, Ill.; engineer, killed by machinery of his boat on Illinois River. He m. July 27, 1840, Warsaw, Ill., Maria Magoon. Widow lived at Muscatine, Iowa. One child, 95.

26. William Wheeler, b. Dec. 20, 1818, Mason, N. H.; d. Oct. 5, 1822.

27. Mary Wheeler, b. Feb. 12, 1820, Mason, N. H.; d. Oct. 7, 1822.

28. Timothy Wheeler, b. May 9, 1822, Mason, N. H.; d. Aug. 15, 1824.

29. Timothy Wheeler, b. Aug. 17, 1824, Mason, N. H.; d. Feb. 13, 1894, Cambridge, Mass.; pianomaker (foreman), Winchester, Mass., and Deep River, Conn. He m. 1st, Nov. 27, 1845, Mason, N. H., Ann Maria Harding, b. Oct. 5, 1824, Attleboro, Mass.; d. Dec. 6, 1860, Winchester. Five children, 96-100. He m. 2d, Feb. 20, 1862, Woburn, Mass., Eliza Ann King, b. May 15, 1834, Plymouth, Mass.; d. Mar. 22, 1917, Cambridge, Mass. Six children, 101-106.

30. William Wheeler, b. May 19, 1827, Mason, N. H.; d. Oct. 10, 1852, Mason, N. H.; farmer, Mason, N. H. He m. Dec. 18, 1848, Mason, N. H., Sarah Caroline Merriam (dau. of Elisha Jones Merriam and Lucy Rebecca Lane), b. July 23, 1830, Mason, N. H.; d. June 22, 1853. Two children, 107-108.

31. Edward Boynton Wheeler, b. Mar. 20, 1829, Mason, N. H.; d. May 9, 1854, Mason, N. H.

32. Joseph Bancroft Wheeler, b. Sept. 26, 1831, Mason, N. H.; d. Feb. 24, 1853.

33. Abbie Maria Wheeler, b. Aug. 13, 1837, Mason, N. H.; d. Apr. 12, 1870, Mason, N. H. She m. May 31, 1857, Mason, N. H., George W. Scripture (son of Charles Scripture and Prudence Webber), b. Nov. 14, 1823, Mason, N. H.; d. Sept. 17, 1878, Mason, N. H.; storekeeper. Four children, 109-112.

34. Mary Frances Wheeler, b. Sept. 23, 1839, Mason, N. H.; d. Sept. 11, 1919, Englewood, N. J. She m. May 26, 1860, Mason, N. H., Orrin Murray Scripture (son of Charles Scripture and Prudence Webber), b. Jan. 18, 1837, Mason, N. H.; d. Feb. 11, 1915, Yonkers, N. Y.; merchant, Mason, N. H.; many years a member of New York Produce Exchange, residing in New York City and Brooklyn. Five children, 113-117.

III. CHILDREN OF SALLY HILL, No. 4.

35. Artemas Merriam, b. Oct. 14, 1814, Mason, N. H.; d. Feb. 25, 1891, Garland, Me.; farmer, Garland, Me.; artilleryman in Aroostook War, 1839; moderator of town meeting, 10 years. He m. 1st, June 16, 1842, Angelina Fogg, of Deerfield, N. H. (dau. of Jeremiah and Angelina), who d. 1869. Three children, 118-120. He m. 2d, 1874.

36. Polly Boynton Merriam, b. Aug. 2, 1816; d. Dec. 15, 1821.

37. Ebenezer Hill Merriam, b. July 24, 1820; d. Aug. 17, 1825.

38. William Bancroft Merriam, b. Mar. 17, 1823; d. Aug. 27, 1825.

39. Sarah Elizabeth Merriam, b. Oct. 23, 1825, Garland, Me.; d. Aug. 3, 1886, Garland, Me. She m. Jan. 28, 1843, Garland, Me., Lebbeus Oak (son of Benjamin Hastings Oak and Hannah Smith), b. Boscawen, N. H., Dec. 12, 1820; d. May 23, 1905, Garland, Me.; harness maker, Garland, Me.; captain of Home Guards, 1861; Major of militia, 1863; recruiting officer, 1861-5. Six children, 121-126.

40. Charles Ellery Merriam, b. Oct. 20, 1828, Mason, N. H.; d. Feb. 2, 1899, Garland, Me.; shoemaker, Garland, Me. He m. May 5, 1858, Eleanor Wilson Seward (dau. of Robert Seward and Sally Saunders), b. Aug. 15, 1833, Garland, Me.; d. Oct. 29, 1912, Garland, Me. No children.

41. George Parker Merriam, b. July 8, 1832, Garland, Me.; d. in Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, Mass.; shoemaker, Lynn, Mass. He m. 1st, Feb. 24, 1855, Lynn, Mass., Priscilla A. Tufts (dau. of Geo. D.), b. 1833, Lynn, Mass. He m. 2d, Dec. 21, 1896, Lynn, Mass., Rose A. Ripley (dau. of William and Caroline), b. 1840, in Maine.

III. CHILD OF JOHN BOYNTON HILL, No. 5.

42. Isaac Parker Hill, b. Mar. 26, 1831; d. Mar. 28, 1831, Exeter, Me.

III. CHILDREN OF JOSEPH BANCROFT HILL, No. 6.

43. Charles Ebenezer Hill, b. Feb. 7, 1848, Colebrook, N. H.; d. Apr. 6, 1917, Temple, N. H.; buried in Baltimore, Md.; educated at Appleton Academy, and Dartmouth College, 1871; associate professor of History, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., 1871-75; admitted to bar, Feb. 13, 1875; lawyer, Baltimore, Md., 1871-1909; retired to Temple, N. H.; trustee of 1st Methodist Church, Baltimore, of Home for Aged, etc.; one of the founders of The Woman's College Baltimore (now Goucher College); lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence; member of clubs, etc.; author of *The Little Minister of Mason*, published in this volume. He m. Nov. 23, 1875, Annapolis, Md., Keturah Watts Clayton (dau. of Philip Coleman Clayton and Catharine Guest Schwaerer), b. Apr. 25, 1849, Annapolis; d. Apr. 6, 1907, Baltimore, Md. Four children, 127-130.

44. Isaac Brown Hill, b. Feb. 20, 1850, Colebrook, N. H.; d. Mar., 1850.

45. Joseph Edward Hill, b. Oct. 1, 1852, Colebrook, N. H.; d. June 5, 1857, Colebrook, N. H.

46. Harriet Hill, b. Nov. 21, 1854, Colebrook, N. H.; d. 1857, Colebrook, N. H.

47. Rev. William Bancroft Hill, D.D., b. Feb. 17, 1857, Colebrook, N. H.; educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, 1875,

Harvard College, 1879, Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia Law School, 1880-1, Baltimore Law School, 1881-2, Union Theological Seminary, 1886; D.D., Rutgers College, 1905; lawyer, Baltimore, Md., 1882-3; prof. of Philosophy, Park College, Mo., 1883; ordained by Classis of Greene, Oct. 19, 1886; pastor of Reformed Church, Athens, N. Y., 1886-90; of Second Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1890-1902; lecturer on Bible, 1899-1902, Vassar College, prof. of Biblical Literature, 1902-22, and prof. emeritus, since 1922; trustee of Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., of Roe Indian Institute, Wichita, Kan., of Fukien Christian University, China, and of the American University of Cairo, Egypt (v. pres.); vice-president of General Synod of Reformed Church in America, 1922; missionary traveler, lecturer, author of *Present Problems in New Testament Study*, *Life of Christ*, *Apostolic Age*, *The Graves Lectures on Missions*, etc.; see *Who's Who*. He m. Dec. 29, 1892, St. Paul, Minn., Elsie A. Weyerhaeuser (dau. of Frederick Weyerhaeuser and Elizabeth Sarah Bloedel), Wellesley College, 1882, A. M., 1887, studied abroad.

48. Joseph Adna Hill, Ph.D., b. May 5, 1860, West Stewartstown, N. H.; Phillips Exeter Academy, 1881, Harvard College, 1885; postgraduate student in Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Berlin and Halle Universities; Ph.D., Halle, 1892; taught in Univ. of Pa., 1893-5, Harvard, 1895-7; sent to Europe by Mass. Tax Commission, 1897; in U. S. Census office, 1898- —, becoming assistant director, 1921; Cosmos Club, Washington; author, etc.; see *Who's Who*. Unmarried.

III. CHILDREN OF EDWARD STEARNS HILL, No. 7.

49. Edward Stearns Hill, Jr., b. Sept. 28, 1828, New York City; d. Oct. 12, 1900, Oconto, Wisc.; bank clerk, New York City; railroading on various lines in Illinois and Missouri; usually residing in St. Louis, Mo., or Rosemond or Pinckneyville, Ill. He m. Dec. 13, 1853, New York City, Mary Elizabeth Dater, who d. Nov. 19, 1880, St. Louis, Mo. Three children, 131-133.

50. Lucy Sylvania Hill, b. Dec. 25, 1829, New York City; d. Apr. 30, 1918, New York City. She m. Aug. 8, 1850, N. Y. City, Charles Addison Cragin (son of Simeon Cragin and Elizabeth Dakin), b. Apr. 12, 1824, Mason, N. H.; d. May 21, 1894, N. Y. City; farmer, Mason, N. H., and Rosemond, Ill.; packer and provision dealer, N. Y. City. Eight children, 134-141.

51. Abigail Jones Hill, b. Dec. 1, 1832, N. Y. City; d. Apr. 6, 1914, Oconto, Wisc.; taught several years in St. Louis, Mo. She m. July 3, 1859, Rosemond, Ill., Richard Lewis Hall (son of Jonathan Cory Hall, M. D., and Lydia

Ann Andrus), b. Aug. 7, 1832, Spencer, N. Y.; d. Feb. 15, 1892, Oconto, Wisc.; surveyor, county clerk, county treasurer, abstractor of titles; Presbyterian elder; Oconto, Wisc.; author of *History of Oconto County*, 1876. Eight children, 142-149.

52. Harlan Page Hill, b. Sept. 17, 1835, N. Y. City; d. Dec. 8, 1835.

53. Capt. Ebenezer Bancroft Hill, b. Jan. 24, 1838, Mason, N. H.; d. Mar. 14, 1900, St. Louis, Mo.; engineer on steamboats and in factories, St. Louis, Mo., and on the Union gunboats *Lafayette* and *Benton* in the Civil War; member of the G. A. R., secretary of Commodore Foote Association of Naval Veterans. He m. Sept. 27, 1865, Natchez, Miss., Mary Emma Lindsley, b. Apr. 7, 1849. They had no children, but adopted two: Blanche, who m. John Calhoun McNary, Jonesboro, Ark., and Lelia, who m. William Y. Haggard, Dallas, Texas.

54. Charles Walter Houghton Hill, b. Feb. 12, 1842, Brooklyn, N. Y.; farmer, Rosemond, Ill., town clerk; many years clerk in Pennsylvania Railroad offices, Jersey City, N. J.; pensioned at 70; Sunday-school teacher and superintendent in Rosemond and ever since; in grocery, Jersey City, 1912—; Co. A, 15th Ill. Vols., 1861-5, G. A. R. He m. May 3, 1866, Grand Rapids, Mich., Anna Hawley, who d. June 23, 1914, Jersey City. Four children, 150-153.

55. Catharine Maria Hill, b. Feb. 9, 1846, Brooklyn, N. Y.; d. Jan. 5, 1917, Oconto, Wisc., unmarried. Many years clerk in county offices, and manager of title abstract business, Oconto, Wisc.

III. CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL JONES HILL, No. 9

56. Maria Frances Kimball, b. Aug. 29, 1826, Fitzwilliam, N. H.; d. Apr. 22, 1920, New York City, aged 93 years, 7 months, 23 days, the longest-lived descendant of the Rev. Ebenezer Hill. She m. Oct. 16, 1850, Fitzwilliam, N. H., Charles Whittemore (son of Dexter Whittemore and Betsy Wright), b. Feb. 15, 1828, Fitzwilliam, N. H.; d. Apr. 29, 1904, N. Y. City; manufacturer and dealer in mirrors, N. Y. City; deacon in Broadway Tabernacle Congregational church. Three children, 154-156.

57. John Edward Kimball, Jan. 9 to Sept. 25, 1829, Fitzwilliam, N. H.

III. CHILD OF MARIA HILL, No. 10.

58. Ebenezer Hill Pratt, d. 1833, Mason, N. H., aged 2 years, 3 months.

III. CHILDREN OF ADELIZA HILL, No. 13.

59. Adeliza Frances Merriam, b. Mar. 3, 1835, New York City; d. Dec. 26, 1915, N. Y. City. She m. June 22, 1865, Orange, N. J., Rev. Daniel DuBois Sahler (son of Abraham Sahler and Eliza Hasbrouck), b. July 7, 1829, Kingston, N. Y.; d. Nov. 5, 1882, N. Y. City; College of N. J., 1853, Phi Beta Kappa; Princeton Theological Seminary, 1856; ordained by Presbytery of New Brunswick, July 28, 1858; supplied churches in Dunleith, Ill., 1856-7, Red Bank, N. J., 1858-63, Sheffield, Mass., (Cong'l), 1864-69, Gilead Presbyterian Church, Carmel, N. Y., 1871-82. Four children, 157-160.

60. Maria Hill Merriam, b. Aug. 9, 1837, New York City; d. Sept. 15, 1909, Tarrytown, N. Y. She m. Dec. 2, 1862, N. Y. City, Walter Franklin Brush, Jr., b. Feb. 15, 1834; d. June 3, 1865, Rye, N. Y. Two children, 161-162. She m. 2d, Oct. 29, 1884, Highland Falls, N. Y., William Nevins Crane, widower of her sister Carrie (No. 62, below).

61. Harriet Wheeler Merriam, b. Sept. 13, 1839, N. Y. City; d. Feb. 10, 1845, N. Y. City.

62. Abbie Caroline Merriam, b. Nov. 8, 1841, New York City; d. Feb. 27, 1880, N. Y. City; president of the N. Y. City Y. W. C. A., which published a volume *In Memoriam* of her. She m. Nov. 3, 1870, Passaic, N. J., William Nevins Crane (son of Daniel Crane and Elsie Ann Demarest), b. May 19, 1836, Albany, N. Y.; d. Sept. 14, 1910, N. Y. City; publisher (Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor Co.), later flour broker; elder in Madison Square Presbyterian Church, N. Y. City; member of Presbyterian Board of the Church Erection Fund. He m. 1st, Oct. 16, 1861, N. Y. City, Sarah Ann Iverson (dau. of David B.), b. Aug. 29, 1839; d. Nov. 29, 1863. One child, d. 1863. He m. 2d, Nov. 3, 1870, Abbie Caroline Merriam, (No. 62), one child, 163. He m. 3d, Oct. 29, 1884, Highland Falls, N. Y., Maria Hill (Merriam) Brush (No. 60, above), who d. Sept. 15, 1909, at their summer home in Tarrytown, N. Y.

63. Henry Everett Merriam, b. Mar. 29, 1844, New York City; d. Feb. 12, 1891, N. Y. City, unmarried; partner with his father in firm of B. W. Merriam & Co., manufacturers and dealers in mirrors, N. Y. City; member of N. Y. 7th Regt.

64. Emma Rebecca Merriam, b. Apr. 10, 1850, New York City; d. Oct. 9, 1873, Scarborough, N. Y.

65. Annie Louisa Merriam, b. Nov. 24, 1852, New York City. Resides in N. Y. City.

66. Sarah Wheeler Merriam, b. Sept. 1, 1854, New York City; d. Nov. 15, 1886, N. Y. City.

III. CHILDREN OF MARTHA HILL, No. 14.

67. Edwin Ruthven Hill Hodgman, b. Oct. 17, 1847, Mason, N. H.; d. Aug. 24, 1909, Bozeman, Montana; grad. Appleton Academy, and Dartmouth College, 1869; taught in Vermont, Kansas and Missouri, 1869-73; clerk in implement house, Kansas City, Mo., 1873-80; member of firm of G. B. Hodgman & Co., wholesale cooperage, Sandusky, O., and Port Huron, Mich., 1880-83; ranchman, Bozeman, Mont., 1883-1909; secretary of Farmers' Canal Co., and of Telephone Co. He m. Nov. 25, 1882, South Hadley Falls, Mass., Helen N. Kinsman (dau. of John Kinsman and Lucy A. Greeley), who still resides in Bozeman. No children.

68. James Fletcher Hodgman, b. Jan. 30, 1850, Orfordville, N. H.; d. Feb. 6, 1850.

69. Harriet Hodgman, b. Dec. 8, 1851, Lunenburg, Mass.; grad. Appleton Academy; taught in Westford, Mass., and Kansas City, Mo.; proof-reader, University Press, Cambridge; private secretary in Chicago and Cambridge. Resides in Waltham, Mass.

70. Martha Hill Hodgman, b. Apr. 24, 1854, Lunenburg, Mass.; d. May 26, 1854.

III. CHILDREN OF TIMOTHY HILL, No. 15.

71. Francis Lewis Hill, b. Sept. 17, 1858, St. Louis, Mo.; d. May 11, 1864, Shelbyville, Ill.

72. Rev. John Boynton Hill, D.D., b. Nov. 3, 1860, St. Louis, Mo.; Knox College, 1881, A.M., 1884; Union Theological Seminary, 1887, alternate fellow, president of Alumni, 1902; D.D., Westminster College, Mo., 1903; prof. of Greek, Park College, Mo., 1881-4; ordained by Presbytery of Topeka, July 5, 1889; organized Westminster Presb. Church, Topeka, Kan., and supplied it, 1889-90; pastor, Butler, Mo., 1890-94; supplied churches in Missouri, 1895-1903; moderator of Synod of Missouri, 1903; synodical superintendent of Home Missions in Missouri, 1903-12; trustee of Lindenwood College and Omaha Theological Seminary; member of Presbyterian Advisory Council on Home Missions and Church Erection; resided in Kansas City, Mo., 1865-89, and 1895-1913; secretary of Presb. Joint Executive Committee, New York City, 1913-15; staff positions on Presb. Board of Home Missions, Y. M. C. A. War-work Council, Interchurch World Movement, Association of American Colleges, and Council of Church Boards of Education; author of *History of the Presbytery of Kansas City, 1821-1901*, of *Timothy Hill and Western Presbyterianism* (in manuscript, 1923), of this Genealogy, and of similar (unpublished) Notes on some branches of the Bullard, Cory, Gardiner, Hall, Jones and Nelson fam-

ilies; residence, Queens, N. Y. He m. Nov. 23, 1911, St. Louis, Mo., Alice Margaret Bullard, of St. Joseph, Mo. (dau. of the Rev. Dr. Henry Bullard and Helen Maria Nelson), b. Oct. 4, 1876, St. Joseph, Mo. Three children, 164-166.

73. Henry Edward Hill, b. Feb. 9, 1863, Rosemond, Ill.; educated at Knox College, Washington University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology; architect, Kansas City, Mo., 1886-1921; resident in Peking, China, as architect for Peking University, 1921-1923. Unmarried.

74. Son, b. and d. Oct. 20, 1866, Kansas City, Mo.

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IV. CHILDREN OF EBENEZER HILL, 3D, No. 17.

75. Mary Emily Hill, b. Feb. 15, 1860, Franklin Co., Tenn.; d. July 1, 1861.

76. William Brown Hill, b. Dec. 26, 1862, Lincoln Co., Tenn.; salesman, Huntsville, Ala. He m. May 13, 1891, Jackson Co., Ala., Julia B. Alspaugh (dau. of Simeon and Elizabeth), b. Dec. 25, 1869, Jackson Co., Ala. Seven children, 167-173.

77. Ebenezer Boynton Hill, b. Oct. 14, 1865, Lincoln Co., Tenn.; d. June 21, 1867, Fayetteville, Tenn.

78. Cora May Hill, b. May 26, 1869, Fayetteville, Tenn. She m. Apr. 15, 1887, Kelso, Tenn., James M. Cambron (son of E. J.); merchant, Fayetteville, Tenn. Six children, 174-179.

IV. CHILDREN OF JAMES BRYAN HILL, No. 21.

79. Charles Bright Hill, b. Sept. 1, 1869, Fayetteville, Tenn.; train-despatcher, Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad, Nashville, Tenn. He m. July 5, 1894, Chattanooga, Tenn., Edna Jones (dau. of Dallas J. Jones and Rebecca Cively), b. Florence, Ala. Two children, 180-181.

80. Mary Bryan Hill, b. Apr. 17, 1871, Fayetteville, Tenn.; m. Jan. 17, 1893, Fayetteville, Tenn., Joseph Carrigan Higgins (son of George W. Higgins and Susan Carrigan), b. May 13, 1872, Lincoln Co., Tenn.; lawyer, Nashville, Tenn.; judge of the State Court of Appeals, Nashville, Tenn. Two children, 182-183.

81. Alfred Ebenezer Hill, b. Feb. 8, 1874, Fayetteville, Tenn.; geologist, living in Tampico, Mexico. Unmarried.

82. Maggie Bearden Hill, b. Sept. 12, 1879, Fayetteville, Tenn. She m. Feb. 8, 1901, Fayetteville, Tenn., Eugene Forest Shofner (son of William L. Shofner and Lillian

Powers), b. Sept. 25, 1878, Lincoln Co., Tenn.; life-insurance underwriter, Fayetteville, Tenn. Three children, 184-186.

83. Emily Hough Hill, b. Feb. 4, 1882, Fayetteville, Tenn. She m. July 22, 1908, Fayetteville, Tenn., Holman C. Milhous (son of W. A. Milhous and Susan Holman), b. May 25, 1885, Lincoln Co., Tenn.; d. Sept. 16, 1918; Fayetteville, Tenn.; farmer, Woolley Springs, Ala. Three children, 187-189.

IV. CHILDREN OF WILLIAM JOSEPH HILL, No. 23.

84. Kate Eldridge Hill, b. Dec. 14, 1874, Lincoln Co., Tenn. She m. Oct. 31, 1895, A. R. Goodenough, farmer in Tenn. and Mich. Four children, 190-193.

85. Walter Vance Hill, b. July 6, 1881, Lincoln Co., Tenn.; farmer. He m. Aug. 2, 1903, Nellie Hall (dau. of Thomas and Anna). Three children, 194-196.

86. Maggie Sue Hill, b. Apr. 6, 1887, Lincoln Co., Tenn. She m. John I. Williams, farmer. Three children, 197-199.

87. Oscar J. Hill, b. May 28, 1894.

88. William Ernest Hill, Feb. 7-11, 1899, Lincoln Co., Tenn.

IV. CHILDREN OF SAMUEL HUBBARD WHEELER, No. 24.

89. Clara Ann Wheeler, b. June 19, 1846, Mason, N. H.; d. May 15, 1875. She m. Nov. 28, 1873, John W. Converse, lawyer, Springfield, Mass. No children.

90. Horace Boynton Wheeler, b. in Mason, N. H.; lived in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He m. Nov. 24, 1874, Mary Emma Bullard (dau. of Silas Bullard and Elizabeth Blair). Three children, 200-202.

91. Fred. Martin Wheeler, b. June, 1852; d. May, 1856.

92. Addie Laura Wheeler, b. Aug. 28, 1859; d. in N. J. She m. Fred. Lowell, Mason, N. H.

93. Fred. Campbell Wheeler, b. Aug. 20, 1866; d. Sept. 22, 1866.

94. Charles Henry Wheeler, b. Sept. 2, 1868, Mason, N. H.; salesman, Keene, N. H. He m. Dec. 20, 1898, Harrisville, N. H., Minnie Belle Seaver, Aug. 29, 1872, Harrisville, N. H. One child, 203.

IV. CHILD OF EBENEZER WHEELER, No. 25.

95. One child, d. at age of six months.

IV. CHILDREN OF TIMOTHY WHEELER, No. 29.

96. Harriet Maria Wheeler, b. Nov. 5, 1846, Southbridge, Mass.; d. Aug. 28, 1848, Mason, N. H.

97. Flora Annjeanette Wheeler, b. Nov. 8, 1848, Mason, N. H. She m. May 14, 1868, Boston, Mass., William C. Hall;

lived in Plymouth, Cambridge, Watertown and Belmont, Mass. Three children, 204-206.

98. George Arthur Wheeler, b. Dec. 21, 1850, Lancaster, Mass.; d. June 4, 1922, Wakefield, Mass.; overlooker in piano factories. He m. Feb. 24, 1897, Wakefield, Mass., Margaret E. Wells. No children.

99. Frank Eddy Wheeler, b. June 22, 1853, Mason, N. H.; workman in piano factories; residence, Belmont, Mass. He m. Apr. 29, 1880, Cambridge, Mass., Charlotte J. Sandison. Two children, 207-208.

100. William Boynton Wheeler, b. July 22, 1857, Plymouth, Mass.; d. Dec. 3, 1863, Woburn, Mass.

101. Fred. Dexter Wheeler, b. Feb. 16, 1863, Woburn, Mass.; d. Aug. 16, 1864.

102. William Everett Wheeler, b. July 20, 1864, Woburn, Mass.; d. Oct. 3, 1865, Boston, Mass.

103. Ann Maria Wheeler, b. May 6, 1866, Boston, Mass.; res. Cambridgeport, Mass.

104. Robert Chester Wheeler, b. Aug. 6, 1870, Boston, Mass.; d. Nov. 20, 1875, Woburn, Mass.

105. Everett Dexter Wheeler, b. Mar. 24, 1873, Woburn, Mass.; d. Feb. 6, 1886, Deep River, Conn.

106. Clarence Boynton Wheeler, b. Dec. 31, 1874, Woburn, Mass.; church organist, music dealer, Boston, Mass.; res. Cambridgeport, Mass. He m. June 28, 1918, Allston, Mass., Florence F. Grant, church organist.

IV. CHILDREN OF WILLIAM WHEELER, No. 30.

107. Henry E. Wheeler, b. Aug. 22, 1850; d. 1877.

108. William Wheeler, b. Oct. 7, 1852; d. July 30, 1871, New York City.

IV. CHILDREN OF ABBIE MARIA WHEELER, No. 33.

109. Josephine Maria Scripture, b. Nov. 28, 1858, Mason, N. H.; d. Nov. 28, 1877, Mason, N. H.

110. Frank Percy Scripture, b. Nov. 24, 1861, Mason, N. H.; d. Aug. 23, 1863.

111. Herbert Everett Scripture, b. Sept. 18, 1864, Mason, N. H.; ranchman, Stanton, Neb.

112. Anna Bertha Scripture, b. Sept. 17, 1867, Mason, N. H. She m. Sept. 4, 1889, Waltham, Mass., Wilford Alvoid Hill (son of Luther Nathan Hill and Lucretia Nancy Read), b. May 5, 1867, Keene, N. H.; inventor of machines; Waltham, Mass. One child, 209.

IV. CHILDREN OF MARY FRANCES WHEELER, No. 34.

113. Clayton Orrin Scripture, b. May 23, 1861, Mason, N. H.; d. Aug. 1, 1863.

114. Fred. Percy Scripture, b. May 18, 1862, Mason, N. H.; d. Aug. 12, 1863.

115. Edward Wheeler Scripture, Ph.D., M.D., b. May 21, 1864, Mason, N. H.; College of City of New York, 1884; Ph.D., Univ. of Zurich, 1890; fellow of Clark Univ., 1891; M.D., Univ. of Munich, 1906; psychologist, neurologist, professor, author; see *Who's Who*, and *American Men of Science*. He m. Apr. 22, 1890, Leipzig, Germany, May Kirk (dau. of Robert T. Kirk and Mary Garvie), b. June 24, 1864, Halifax, N. S.; grad. N. Y. Normal College, 1883; studied in Leipzig and Berlin, 1889-91; lecturer, N. Y. University; clinical assistant in College of Physicians and Surgeons (Columbia) in speech-reeducation; lecturer at Tulane Univ., 1922-24, and at Univ. Cal., 1924; see *Woman's Who's Who in America*, and *Who's Who in New York*. Three children, 210-212.

116. Arthur Percy Scripture, b. Sept. 22, 1866, Mason, N. H.; began business with his father on the Produce Exchange, New York; later in steel business, N. Y.; residence, Yonkers, N. Y. He m. June 1, 1896, Brooklyn, N. Y., Sarah R. Kirk (dau. of Robert T. Kirk and Mary Garvie). One child, 213.

117. Mary Josephine Scripture, b. Sept. 25, 1874, New York City; d. Nov. 9, 1879, N. Y. City.

IV. CHILDREN OF ARTEMAS MERRIAM, No. 35.

118. Leander Otis Merriam, b. May 5, 1843, Garland, Me.; d. Dec. 8, 1919, Minneapolis, Minn.; Bowdoin College, 1866; Union Army, 3 years, wounded three times, vice-commander Minn. G. A. R.; lumber business, Petitcodiac, New Brunswick, 14 years; officer in Railway Transfer Co., Minneapolis, Minn., 1891-1915; Episcopal vestryman. He m. Dec. 22, 1870, Petitcodiac, N. B., Georgiana Elizabeth Humphreys (dau. of Hiram Humphreys and Mary M. Crawford), b. Apr. 7, 1853, Petitcodiac. Four children, 214-217.

119. Charles Enoch Merriam, b. Sept. 12, 1845, Garland, Me.; d. Mar. 7, 1906, New London, Conn.; commercial traveler, New London, Conn. He m. Apr. 20, 1882, New London, Conn., Emeline Louise Miner (dau. of George R. and Harriet W.), b. Mar. 18, 1856. Four children, 218-221.

120. Sarah Louisa Merriam, b. Nov. 4, 1847, Garland, Me.; d. Mar. 9, 1897, Petitcodiac, N. B. She m. Jan., 1873, Edward Payson Eastman, b. Dec. 26, 1839, Dennysville, Me.; d. Feb. 14, 1907, Petitcodiac; in lumber business; private in 6th Maine Regt. in Civil War. Four children, 222-225.

IV. CHILDREN OF SARAH ELIZABETH MERRIAM, No. 39

121. Henry Lebbeus Oak, b. May 13, 1844, Garland,

Me.; d. May 20, 1905, Seigler Springs, Cal.; Bowdoin College, 2 years, Dartmouth College, 1866; teacher in Exeter, Garland and Westport, Me., Morristown, N. J., and two years in California; editor of *Occident*, San Francisco, 1868; librarian and superintendent of Bancroft Library, San Francisco, 1869-87; author of ten volumes of *Bancroft Histories*, and of an *Oak-Oaks-Oakes Genealogy* (ms. in library of N.-Eng. Hist. Geneal. Soc., Boston, and Part I published in 1906, by Ora Oak). Unmarried.

122. Sarah Adeliza Oak, b. June 15, 1846, Garland, Me.; d. Nov. 23, 1891, Garland, Me.; lived in Maine, Mass., and Cal. Unmarried.

123. Edward Merriam Oak, b. July, 1850, Garland, Me.; d. Sept. 3, 1852.

124. Ora Oak, b. June 21, 1851, Garland, Me.; Foxcroft Academy, Me., and one term in Univ. of Maine; clerk, merchant, ranchman, etc., in Pembroke, Me., Petitcodiac, N. B., San Francisco, Cal., 1872-6, Nevada mining camps, '76-81, Old Mexico, '82-86, Perris, Cal., '87-98, Cucamonga, Cal., 1900-07, Colton, Cal., '07-15, Riverside, Cal., 1917—. He m. 1st, Dec. 23, 1881, Benicia, Cal., Bertha M. Millett (dau. of Orrin B. Millett and Nancy Minerva Bradbury), b. 1855, Bangor, Me.; d. June 5, 1887, Los Angeles, Cal.; no children. He m. 2d, September 25, 1889, Los Angeles, Cal., Ellen Beardsley Hewitt (dau. of Rev. Enoch W. Hewitt and Lucy M. Beardsley), b. Sept. 16, 1857, Pecatonica, Ill. Five children, 226-230.

125. Mary Elizabeth Oak, b. Feb. 28, 1853, Garland, Me.; d. May 25, 1853.

126. Orman Oak, b. Nov. 1, 1856, Garland, Me.; harness maker, Caribou, Me., and Glendale, Cal.; foreman of American Art Leather Co., Los Angeles, Cal. He m. Dec. 19, 1877, Belle Haskell (dau. of Kent Haskell and Georgiana Towle), b. Sept. 26, 1860, Dover, Me.; d. Feb., 1913, Orange, Cal. Three children, 231-233.

IV. CHILDREN OF CHARLES EBENEZER HILL, No. 43.

127. Bancroft Clayton Hill, b. Feb. 17, 1877, Annapolis, Md.; d. July 7, 1877, Temple, N. H.

128. Col. John Philip Hill, b. May 2, 1879, Annapolis, Md.; A.B., Johns Hopkins Univ., 1900; LL.B., Harvard Univ., 1903; lawyer, Boston, Mass., '03-04; Baltimore, Md., since 1904, at first with his father, Hill, Ross & Hill, later Hill, Randall & Leser; U. S. Dist. Atty. for Md., 1910-15; representative in U. S. Congress, 1921- —; enlisted in Md. Nat. Guard, 1904; served on Mexican Border, 1916; Lt. Col. in A. E. F. in France; Croix de Guerre, 1918; author *Public Service Commission Law of Maryland, The Federal Executive, National*

Protection, etc.; member and trustee of many organizations; see *Who's Who*. He m. Oct. 18, 1913, Baltimore, Md., Suzanne Carroll (dau. of John Howell Carroll and Mary Grafton Rogers), b. Nov. 14, 1889, Baltimore, Md. Three children, 234-236.

129. Capt. Eben Clayton Hill, M. D., b. Oct. 9, 1881, Baltimore, Md.; Johns Hopkins Univ., A.B., 1903; M.D., '07; student at Univ. of Freiburg, Germany, '04; physician, Baltimore, Md., '07-08; U. S. Army Medical Corps, '08-13, retired as Captain; physician and pathologist, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1913-20; roentgenologist, U. S. Med. Advisory Board, N. Y., 1918-19; prof. Johns Hopkins Med. Coll.; member of American and Foreign medical and scientific societies, etc.; see *Who's Who*. He m. Sept. 19, 1908, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Lucy Lovell Atwater (dau. of Edward Storrs Atwater and Caroline Swift), b. Mar. 30, 1883. No children.

130. (Joseph) Bancroft Hill, b. May 5, 1887, Baltimore, Md.; educ. at Johns Hopkins Univ. and Mass. Inst. of Technology; civil engineer, Baltimore, Md.; engineer of Baltimore Harbor. He m. May 5, 1915, Baltimore, Md., Frances Moale McCoy (dau. of James Espy McCoy and Catharine Lardner Gibbon). No children.

IV. CHILDREN OF EDWARD STEARNS HILL, JR., No. 49.

131. Lewis Lang Hill, b. Sept. 25, 1854, New York City; long a clerk in Laclede Gas Co., St. Louis, Mo.

132. Adeliza Merriam Hill, b. Dec. 26, 1861, Rosemond, Ill.; trained nurse, supt. of Henrietta Hospital, East St. Louis, Ill. She m. Sept. 19, 1906, East St. Louis, Capt. Augustus M. Kirby; served in Spanish American War; lawyer of International Harvester Co., St. Louis, Mo., Regina, Sask., and Dallas, Tex., and for Moline Plow Co. Res., St. James, Mo. No children.

133. Mary Anna Hill, b. Jan. 27, 1870, St. Louis, Mo. She m. Feb. 3, 1891, Pinckneyville, Ill., William Sebastian Berkeley (son of Augustus Berkeley and Elizabeth Downs), b. Dec. 4, 1854; d. Oct. 23, 1897, St. Louis, Mo.; painter. Since his death she has lived in Oconto, Wisc.; clerk in an abstract office. Three children, 237-239.

IV. CHILDREN OF LUCY SYLVANIA HILL, No. 50.

134. Edward Willis Cragin, b. June 6, 1851; d. Aug. 16, 1865, N. Y. City.

135. Carrie Tenney Cragin, b. June 6, 1853; d. Sept. 7, 1859, Rosemond, Ill.

136. Ida Belle Cragin, b. Nov. 18, 1855; d. Aug. 1, 1865, N. Y. City.

137. Frank Addison Cragin, b. Feb. 6, 1858; d. Feb. 10, 1882, N. Y. City.

138. Lillie Sylvania Cragin, b. June 2, 1865, Rosemond, Ill.; d. Aug. 11, 1865, N. Y. City.

139. Emma Florence Cragin, b. Jan. 15, 1870, N. Y. City; graduate of Hunter College; supt. of circulation cataloguing, N. Y. Public Library; library work with the A. E. F., in France and Germany, 1919.

140. Grace May Cragin, b. Jan. 15, 1871; d. 1871, Rye, N. Y.

141. Eva Cragin, b. Nov. 1, 1872; d. 1874.

IV. CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL JONES HILL, No. 51.

142. Mary Frances Hall, b. Nov. 13, 1860, Oconto, Wisc.; d. Mar. 6, 1863, Oconto, Wisc.

143. Edward Jonathan Hall, b. July 13, 1862, Marinette, Wisc.; surveyor in Wisc., Tex., and Cal. He m. 1st, 1893, Mary Ulysses Brown; no children. He m. 2d, Aug. 9, 1903, Houston, Tex., Dora (Allen) Gossett, who had one daughter (Mabel Gossett); and one child by her 2d marriage, 240.

144. Kate Lydia Hall, b. May 31, 1864, Oconto, Wisc.; d. Feb. 8, 1884, Oconto, Wisc.

145. Richard Lewis Hall, Jr., b. Aug. 19, 1866, Marinette, Wisc.; surveyor, Oconto, Wisc.; clerk of County Court. He m. Dec. 17, 1896, Oconto, Wisc., Minerva Jane Fitzgerald (dau. of Edward Fitzgerald and Catharine Crane), b. May 19, 1875, Oconto, Wisc. Five children, 241-245.

146. Ben Allan Hall, b. Jan. 31, 1868, Oconto, Wisc.; supposed to have been lost at sea.

147. Col. William Bentley Hall, b. Mar. 1, 1870, Oconto, Wisc.; 1st Lieut., Co. M, 12th Wisc. Vols., in Porto Rico campaign, 1898; Capt. 1899; Major with A. E. F. in France and Germany; Lt. Col., Wisc. Nat. Guard; abstracts of title, city engineer, Oconto, Wisc. Unmarried.

148. Charles Bancroft Hall, b. July 15, 1871, Oconto, Wisc.; electrician, Oconto, Wisc.; mgr. of waterworks and electric light, Lamar, Mo.

149. Andrus Houghton Hall, b. Mar. 13, 1873, Oconto, Wisc.; d. Sept. 11, 1874, Oconto, Wisc.

IV. CHILDREN OF CHARLES WALTER HOUGHTON HILL, No. 54.

150. Kate Agnes Hill, b. Apr. 20, 1872, Rosemond, Ill. She m. June 20, 1894, Jersey City, N. J., John Holliday (son of Edward), b. May 3, 1870, St. John's, Nova Scotia; pilot, West Shore Ferry; res. Jersey City. Four children, 246-249.

151. Mary Emma Hill, b. Apr. 20, 1873, Rosemond, Ill. She m. Oct. 29, 1896, Jersey City, N. J., Gustav Martin Fetzer, b. Jan. 13, 1865; printer, N. Y. City; res. Maywood, N. J., fire chief; N. Y. State militia, in service in Buffalo and Brooklyn riots. Six children, 250-255.

152. Grace Rebecca Hill, b. July 24, 1875, Rosemond, Ill. She m. July 14, 1896, Jersey City, N. J., Jacob Kegelmann (son of Christian and Marie), b. Oct. 26, 1865, Paterson, N. J.; grocer and provision dealer, Jersey City, N. J.; 1st Lieut., 4th Regt., State Militia; 18 years Sunday-school supt., in Presbyterian and Reformed churches, deacon and elder. Three children, 256-258.

153. Frances Augusta Hill, b. Aug. 19, 1878, Rosemond, Ill. She m. Dec. 20, 1896, Jersey City, N. J., John Hoffman (son of John and Augusta), b. Sept., 1874, Jersey City, N. J., machinist, Meadows, N. J.; was foreman in munition plants, N. Y. City, and Savannah, Ga., during World War, also in ship building plant. Three children, 259-261.

IV. CHILDREN OF MARIA FRANCES KIMBALL, No. 56.

154. Charles Erving Whittemore, b. Aug. 18, 1856, Fitzwilliam, N. H.; d. Jan. 12, 1913, New York City; with his father in mirror business, later salesman in Tiffany's, N. Y. City. He m. Oct. 24, 1889, N. Y. City, Catharine Leigh Taylor (dau. of William Taylor and Mary Leigh), b. Aug. 7, 1860, N. Y. City. One child, 262.

155. William John Whittemore, b. Mar. 26, 1860, New York City; artist, N. Y. City; summer home, Robinsfield, Easthampton, L. I.; see *Who's Who*. He m. 1st, Sept. 19, 1895, Springfield, Mass., Alice Vaud Whitmore (dau. of Frederick H. Whitmore and Mary E. Curtis), b. —; d. Nov. 26, 1911, Easthampton, N. Y. He m. 2d, June 2, 1921, N. Y. City, Charlotte Helen Simpson (dau. of Robert W. Simpson and Charlotte Harrold), —; artist, member of N. Y. Water Color Club, and of National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors.

156. Frances Maria Whittemore, b. Nov. 11, 1862, New York City. She and Mrs. Chas. E. Whittemore live together in N. Y. City.

IV. CHILDREN OF ADELIZA FRANCES MERRIAM, No. 59.

157. Henry Hasbrouck Sahler, b. Mar. 14, 1867, Sheffield, Mass.; d. July 26, 1868.

158. Emma Frances Sahler, b. May 7, 1869, Passaic, N. J. She m. Oct. 20, 1903, New York City, Arthur Hazard Dakin (son of Francis Elihu Dakin and Emily Hazard), b. Apr. 27, 1862, Freeport, Ill.; Amherst College, 1884; Harvard Law School; lawyer, Boston, Mass. Two children, 263-264.

159. Florence Louise Sahler, b. Sept. 15, 1871. She m. Oct. 11, 1911, New York City, Alfred Brooks Merriam (son of Aaron Brooks Merriam and Hannah Matilda Wentworth), b. Apr. 17, 1859; real estate, N. Y. City.

160. Helen Gertrude Sahler, b. Dec. 23, 1877, Carmel, N. Y.; sculptor, New York City; see *Who's Who*.

IV. CHILDREN OF MARIA HILL MERRIAM, No. 60.

161. Adeliza Frances Brush, b. Dec. 14, 1863, —; d. Feb. 15, 1915, New York City. She m. Dec. 12, 1903, N. Y. City, John A. O'Connor (son of Thos. H.), lawyer N. Y. City. Two children, 265-266.

162. Walter Franklin Brush, Jr., b. Sept. 27, 1865, Rye, N. Y.; d. Dec. 26, 1919, Richmond, Mass.; Harvard College, 1888; special courses in Union Theological Seminary, Harvard Divinity School, Episcopal Divinity School (Cambridge, Mass.), and Columbia Law School, 1894-8. Teaching and philanthropic work, N. Y. City and Boston, Mass. Unmarried.

IV. CHILD OF ABBIE CAROLINE MERRIAM, No. 62.

163. Rev. William Merriam Crane, Ph.D., b. Feb. 26, 1880, New York City; Harvard Univ., A.B., 1902, Ph.D., 1906; Harvard Divinity School, 1904; studied also in France, Germany and Syria; ordained Nov. 15, 1907, pastor Congregational church, Richmond, Mass., 1907-21; member of learned societies, college trustee, etc., see *Who's Who in New England*. He married July 29, 1902, Cambridge, Mass., Eleanor Winslow Runkle (dau. of John D. Runkle, Pres. of Mass. Inst. Technology, and Catharine Robbins Bird), graduate of Radcliffe College. Seven children, 267-273.

IV. CHILDREN OF JOHN BOYNTON HILL, No. 72.

164. Helen Frances Hill, b. June 7; d. June 24, 1913, Kansas City, Mo.

165. John Timothy Hill, b. Jan. 15, 1915, Brooklyn, N. Y.

166. Mary Margaret Hill, b. Dec. 30, 1916, Brooklyn, N. Y.; d. Feb. 6, 1919, Brooklyn, N. Y.

FIFTH GENERATION: GREAT-GREAT-GRAND-CHILDREN OF THE REV. EBENEZER HILL

V. CHILDREN OF WILLIAM BROWN HILL, No. 76.

167. Eben Alspaugh Hill, b. Jan. 11, 1892; d. Nov. 9, 1892, Fayetteville, Tenn.

168. Twin, b. and d. Jan. 11, 1892.

169. Mary Ruth Hill, b. Oct. 23, 1893, Fayetteville, Tenn.

170. James Bryan Hill, b. Apr. 15, 1895, New Market, Ala.

171. Joseph Bancroft Hill, b. Sept. 5, 1897, Elora, Tenn.
 172. Brown Gregory Hill, b. Jan. 5, 1899, Elora, Tenn.
 173. Rebekah Eustis Hill, b. July 8, 1907, Elora, Tenn.

V. CHILDREN OF CORA MAY HILL, No. 78.

174. Carl McPherson Cambron, b. Nov. 26, 1889, Flintville, Tenn.
 175. Ebenezer Jasper Cambron, b. Jan. 17, 1892, Flintville, Tenn.
 176. Mary Emily Cambron, b. June 10, 1894, Flintville, Tenn.
 177. James Baylor Cambron, b. Jan., 1897, Flintville, Tenn.
 178. Mattie Ruth Cambron, b. Oct. 1, 1899; d. Oct. 5, 1899, Flintville, Tenn.
 179. Joseph Monroe Cambron, b. Dec. 8, 1901, Flintville, Tenn.

V. CHILDREN OF CHARLES BRIGHT HILL, No. 79.

180. Charles Dallas Hill, b. July 25, 1898, Nashville, Tenn.
 181. Margaret Rebecca Hill, b. Mar. 4, 1900, Nashville, Tenn.

V. CHILDREN OF MARY BRYAN HILL, No. 80.

182. Jimmie Margaret Higgins, b. Nov. 30, 1893, Fayetteville, Tenn.; Belmont College. She m. Sept. 25, 1918, Nashville, Tenn., Charles Frank Bagley (son of Thomas O. Bagley and Ellen Colville), b. Nov. 27, 1884, Lincoln Co., Tenn.; Washington and Lee Univ.; banker, Fayetteville, Tenn. Two children, 274-275.

183. Joseph Carrigan Higgins, Jr., b. Aug. 28, 1897, Fayetteville, Tenn.; Vanderbilt Univ.; lawyer, Atlanta, Ga.; in army, 1918. He m. Nov. 8, 1921, Nashville, Tenn., Louella Whorley (dau. of William H. Whorley and Laura Lu Whittsitt), b. Feb. 12, 1899, Nashville, Tenn.; Ward-Belmont College and Vanderbilt Univ.

V. CHILDREN OF MARGARET BEARDEN HILL, No. 82.

184. James Newton Shofner, b. Sept. 6, 1902, Fayetteville, Tenn.; U. S. Naval Academy, class of 1926.
 185. Margaret Hill Shofner, b. Jan. 21, 1905.
 186. Phoebe Page Shofner, b. Nov. 25, 1912.

V. CHILDREN OF EMILY HOUGH HILL, No. 83.

187. John Philip Milhous, b. Mar. 6, 1909.
 188. Margaret Hill Milhous, b. Apr. 16, 1910.
 189. Holman Cannon Milhous, b. Apr. 26, 1913.

V. CHILDREN OF KATE ELDRIDGE HILL, No. 84.

190. Ethel May Goodenough, b. Jan. 19, 1897, Lincoln Co., Tenn.
 191. Mary Pearl Goodenough, b. Nov. 29, 1899, in Michigan.
 192. Raymond Leo Goodenough, b. Sept. 24, 1902, in Michigan.
 193. Dilbert Delile Goodenough, b. Aug. 27, 1906, Lincoln Co., Tenn.

V. CHILDREN OF WALTER VANCE HILL, No. 85.

194. William Henry Hill, b. July 10, 1904, Lincoln Co., Tenn.
 195. Robert E. Lee Hill, b. Mar. 18, 1907, Lincoln Co., Tenn.
 196. Eddie Margaret Hill, b. Apr. 12, 1909, Lincoln Co., Tenn.

V. CHILDREN OF MAGGIE SUE HILL, No. 86.

197. Oscar Raymond Williams, b. Aug. 8, 1905, Lincoln Co., Tenn.
 198. Hubert Howard Williams, b. Nov. 21, 1907, Lincoln Co., Tenn.
 199. Walter Lee Williams, b. Feb. 24, 1909, Lincoln Co., Tenn.

V. CHILDREN OF HORACE BOYNTON WHEELER, No. 89.

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V. CHILD OF CHARLES HENRY WHEELER, No. 94.

203. Maude Frances Wheeler, b. Dec. 29, 1899; grad. first honor, Keene, N. H. High School, 1917; N. H. Normal School; B.S., Boston Univ., 1922; teacher in high schools, Somerville, Mass., Brattleboro, Vt.

V. CHILDREN OF FLORA ANNJEANETTE WHEELER, No. 97.

204. Arthur Eddy Hall, b. Nov. 12, 1869, Plymouth, Mass.; action worker in piano factory, Cambridge, Mass. He m. July 30, 1904, Amy H. Morrison. Three children, 276-278.
 205. Abbie Thomas Hall, b. Aug. 8, 1872, Plymouth, Mass. She m. Nov. 18, 1898, Watertown, Mass., John William Coe, b. Mar. 6, 1871, Newfields, N. H.; armament foreman, Watertown Arsenal; res. Belmont, Mass. Four children 279-282.
 206. Charles William Hall, b. Sept. 25, 1873, Plymouth, Mass.; foreman in piano factory; res. Greenwood, Mass. He

m. Jan. 31, 1900, Elizabeth Young, b. Apr. 5, 1877, St. John's, New Brunswick. Seven children, 283-289.

V. CHILDREN OF FRANK EDDY WHEELER, No. 99.

207. Inez Eliza Wheeler, b. Apr. 19, 1881; d. July 4, 1881, Annapolis, N. S.

208. Marion Sandison Wheeler, b. Aug. 9, 1886.

V. CHILD OF ANNA BERTHA SCRIPTURE, No. 112.

209. Dorotha Scripture Hill, b. Oct. 14, 1900, Waltham, Mass.

V. CHILDREN OF EDWARD WHEELER SCRIPTURE, No. 115.

210. Winifred Scripture, b. July 15, 1891, Worcester, Mass.; educated abroad, Bryn Mawr College, 1912. She m. Apr. 21, 1917, New York City, Percy Custer Fleming, b. 1890, Jacksonville, Fla.; Capt. U. S. Army, 26th Cavalry, in Philippines since 1920. Two children, 290-291.

211. Elsa Scripture, b. Jan. 15, 1894, New Haven, Conn.; educated abroad, Bryn Mawr College, ex-1915. She m. Aug. 25, 1922, New York City, Archibald Erskine Kidd, b. 1887, Glasgow, Scotland; secretary of Personnel Committee, Western Electric Co. One child, 291½.

212. Edward Wheeler Scripture, Jr., b. Dec. 19, 1899, New Haven, Conn.; with A. E. F. in France, two and a half years, wounded at d'Haumont, Oct. 23, 1918; Tome School, Md.; Harvard Univ., 1921, A. M., 1922; Univ. of Caen, France; chemist; instructor in chemistry, Lowell Textile Institute.

V. CHILD OF ARTHUR PERCY SCRIPTURE, No. 116.

214. Dorothy Kirk Scripture, b. Oct. 14, 1902, Yonkers, N. Y.; Vassar College. She m. Sept. 12, 1923, Yonkers, N. Y., Chauncey Tompkins Secor.

V. CHILDREN OF LEANDER OTIS MERRIAM, No. 118.

214. Agnes Louisa Merriam, b. Dec. 13, 1872, Petittodiac, New Brunswick. She m. Sept. 16, 1896, John H. Groesbeck, of Janesville, Wisc. She is a teacher in public schools, Minneapolis, Minn. One child, 292.

215. Charles Fred. Otis Merriam, b. Oct. 30, 1875, Petittodiac, N. B.; mining engineer, Wallace, Idaho. He m. Aug. 16, 1905, Granite, Idaho, Ethel Steen (dau. of John), of Murray, Idaho.

216. Raymond Fogg Merriam, b. Jan. 6, 1877, Petittodiac, New Brunswick; attorney, Minneapolis, Minn. He m. Feb. 16, 1906, Minneapolis, Minn., Laura Berger (dau. of John R. and Clementine). Two children, 293-294.

217. Robert Stanley Merriam, b. July 4, 1878, Petitcodiac, New Brunswick; mining engineer, Wallace, Idaho; Spokane, Wash. He m. Dec. 21, 1907, Mabel Fleming, of Minneapolis, Minn., (dau. of Geo. W. Fleming and Flora Trent). Three children, 295-297.

V. CHILDREN OF CHARLES ENOCH MERRIAM, No. 119.

218. Anna Louise Merriam, b. Oct. 23, 1883, New London, Conn. In City Hall, New London, Conn.

219. Harriet Eleanor Merriam, b. Jan. 20, 1885, New London, Conn. She m. the Rev. Charles Raymond Chappell, who is a Baptist minister, Middleboro, Mass. Two children, 298-299.

220. Ethel Agnes Merriam, b. Sept. 29, 1888, New Haven, Conn. She m. William A. Elrick, commercial traveler, Hartford, Conn. Three children, 300-302.

221. Leroy Otis Merriam, b. July 29, 1891; d. May, 1892.

V. CHILDREN OF SARAH LOUISE MERRIAM, No. 120.

222. Anna W. Eastman, b. Apr. 8, 1876; in Public Library, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Lansing, Mich.

223. Horace Merriam Eastman, b. Nov. 4, 1878, Petitcodiac, New Brunswick; Provincial Normal School of N. B., Univ. of New Brunswick, 1902; civil engineer; chief draftsman, Keystone works, Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa. He m. Sept. 5, 1911, Pittsburgh, Pa., Mabel Vandervort (dau. of Walter Vandervort and Mathilda Berry), b. Feb. 20, 1883, Sewickley, Pa. No children.

224. Arthur Eastman, b. Dec. 26, 1880, Petitcodiac, N. B.; Provincial Normal School and Univ. of New Brunswick; civil engineer, Ogdensburg, N. Y. He m. Jan. 4, 1911, Cardinal, Ontario, Pearl Curry (dau. of Charles Curry and Priscilla Anderson), b. Sept. 22, 1882, Cardinal, Ontario. Child, 303.

225. Robert Felt Eastman, b. Mar. 11, 1887, Petitcodiac, N. B.; B.S. in engineering, Univ. of New Brunswick, 1912; civil engineer, in the firm of Hall and Lethly, Springfield, Ohio; officers' training camp, 1918; 2d Lieut., O. R. C., Coast Artillery. He m. June 16, 1917, Brooklyn, N. Y., Ethel Underhill, of Youngstown, Ohio (dau. of Chas. F. and Rachel W.), b. Dec. 19, 1885, Brooklyn; Vassar College, 1907; Phi Beta Kappa; Pittsburgh Library School, 1908; children's librarian, Brooklyn, N. Y.; head of children's dept., Worcester, Mass., and Youngstown, Ohio. Three children, 304-306.

V. CHILDREN OF ORA OAK, No. 124.

226. Alfred Henry Oak, b. Apr. 20, 1891, Perris, Cal.; Univ. of Cal., 1915; chemist, asst. supt. Newport Chemical Co., Milwaukee, Wisc.; during World War in munition plants at Emporium, Pa., New Brunswick, N. J., and Milwaukee. He m. 1917, Gladys Godfrey, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Two children, 307-308.

227. Lyndon Hewitt Oak, b. Nov. 15, 1892, Perris, Cal.; Univ. of Cal., 1915; chemist; during World War in munition plants, New Brunswick, N. J., and Gary, Ind.; latterly with oil companies of Chicago, Oklahoma and Boston.

228. Liston Merriam Oak, b. Sept. 18, 1895, Perris, Cal.; Los Angeles Normal School, Columbia Univ. summer school; Univ. of Cal., 1923; taught illiterates in Camp Kearney and in the A. E. F. in France; taught in Katonah, N. Y., Long Beach and Los Angeles, Cal. He m. May, 1915, Imperial Valley, Cal. Lura Sawyer, b. 1892, in Maine; a teacher and settlement worker. Two children, 309-310.

229. Irving Oak, b. Feb. 4, 1899, Perris, Cal.; d. 1899.

230. Harold Lebbeus Oak, b. Oct. 11, 1900, Cucamonga, Cal.; artilleryman, trained at San Diego, Cal., 1918; Univ. of Cal., 1923, B. S. in chemistry; chemist in Berkeley, Cal.

V. CHILDREN OF ORMAN OAK, No. 126.

231. Edward Oak, b. 1879; d. 1882.

232. Ralph Lane Oak, b. Nov. 29, 1880, Caribou, Me.; bank cashier, Arcata, Cal.; secy. of Chamber of Commerce. He m. Ella Dey Conser (dau. of Elder Thompson Conser and Catharine Jane McAuley), b. Jan. 4, 1883, Highland, Kan. Two children, 311-312.

233. Aimee Oak, m. Fred Allen, proprietor of Allen's Water Gardens, Los Angeles, Cal. No children.

V. CHILDREN OF JOHN PHILIP HILL, No. 128.

234. Susan Carroll Hill, b. May 19, 1916, Baltimore, Md.

235. Elise Bancroft Hill, b. Feb. 9, 1920, Baltimore.

236. Catharine Clayton Hill, b. Jan. 23, 1923, Washington, D. C.

V. CHILDREN OF MARY ANNA HILL, No. 133.

237. Edward Augustus Berkeley, b. Feb. 23, 1892, St. Louis, Mo.; res. Oconto, Wisc., Milwaukee, Wisc. He m. Dec. 26, 1918, Milwaukee, Wisc., Margaret Frances Langlois (dau. of C. A.). Child, 313.

238. Mary Louise Berkeley, b. Jan. 31, 1894, Pinckneyville, Ill.; clerk; deputy Register of Deeds, Oconto County, Wisc.

239. William Lewis Ambrose Berkeley, b. Dec. 2, 1895, Pinckneyville, Ill.; res. Kenosha, Wisc. He m. Nov. 19, 1914, Marinette, Wisc., Edna Sauve (dau. of Frank), of Coleman, Wisc. Two children, 314-315.

V. CHILD OF EDWARD JONATHAN HALL, No. 143.

240. Ben. James Hall, b. July 31, 1905, Oil Fields, Cal.

V. CHILDREN OF RICHARD LEWIS HALL, JR., No. 145.

241. David Edward Hall, b. Nov. 26, 1897, Oconto, Wisc.

242. Harry Alden Hall, b. Apr. 18, 1899, Oconto, Wisc.

243. Agnes Catharine Hall, b. May 24, 1902, Oconto, Wisc.

244. Geo. Emmet Benj. Hall, b. Apr. 1, 1904, Oconto, Wisc.

245. Abbie Jane Hall, b. Aug. 23, 1909, Oconto, Wisc.

V. CHILDREN OF KATE AGNES HILL, No. 150.

246. Edward Charles Holliday, b. Nov. 2, 1895.

247. Ethel Holliday, b. Sept. 3, 1898. She m. Julius Swanson, tugboatman, Union Hill, N. J.

248. Ruth Holliday, b. Sept. 17, 1901. She m. Henry Korbach, baker, West Hoboken, N. J.

249. Catharine Houghton Holliday, b. Dec. 30, 1906.

V. CHILDREN OF MARY EMMA HILL, No. 151.

250. Dorothy Mae Fetzer, b. Sept. 1, 1897.

251. Grace Myra Fetzer, b. and d. Mar. 16, 1900.

252. Walter Fred. Fetzer, b. June 22, 1901.

253. Myra Anna Fetzer, b. Nov. 6, 1903. She m. Jan. 22, 1922, Maywood, N. J., Vinton Stuart Knorr; electric powerhouse, Hackensack, N. J.

254. Harriet Elizabeth Fetzer, b. Dec. 30, 1906.

255. Viola Gertrude Fetzer, b. Mar. 26, 1912.

V. CHILDREN OF GRACE REBECCA HILL, No. 152.

256. Grace Adelaide Kegelmann, b. July 12, 1897, Jersey City, N. J.

257. Mildred Kegelmann, b. Feb. 23, 1900, Jersey City, N. J.

258. Franklin Hill Kegelmann, b. Dec. 7, 1908, Jersey City, N. J.

V. CHILDREN OF FRANCES AUGUSTA HILL, No. 153.

259. Florence Evelyn Hoffman, b. June 1, 1899. She m. Sept. 16, 1918, John Simkins, bank clerk.

260. John William Hoffman, b. May 11, 1901.

261. Grace Hill Hoffman, b. Dec. 11, 1908.

V. CHILD OF CHARLES ERVING WHITTEMORE, No. 154.

262. Charles William Whittemore, b. Nov. 13, 1894, New York City; d. May 5, 1905, N. Y. City.

V. CHILDREN OF EMMA FRANCES SAHLER, No. 158.

263. Arthur Hazard Dakin, Jr., b. Jan. 25, 1905, Boston, Mass.

264. Winthrop Saltonstall Dakin, b. Oct. 21, 1906, Boston, Mass.

V. CHILDREN OF ADELIZA FRANCES BRUSH, No. 161.

265. Elizabeth Franklin O'Connor, b. May 10, 1906; d. May 16, 1906, N. Y. City.

266. Sarah Patricia Franklin O'Connor, b. Dec. 5, 1907, N. Y. City.

V. CHILDREN OF WILLIAM MERRIAM CRANE, No. 163.

267. William Merriam Crane, Jr., b. June 22, 1903, Cambridge, Mass.

268. Edward Payson Crane, b. Nov. 12, 1904, Berlin, Germany.

269. Gordon Crane, b. Nov. 28, 1909, Richmond, Mass.

270. Chilton Crane, b. May 19, 1911, Richmond, Mass.

271. Caroline Merriam Crane, b. Oct. 18, 1912, Richmond, Mass.

272. Frances Whitney Crane, b. Oct., 1915, Richmond, Mass.

273. Eleanor Winslow Crane, b. Aug., 1917, Richmond, Mass.

SIXTH GENERATION: GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN OF THE REV. EBENEZER HILL

VI. CHILDREN OF JIMMIE MARGARET HIGGINS, No. 182.

274. Charles Frank Bagley, Jr., b. Sept. 21, 1919, Nashville, Tenn.

275. Joseph Higgins Bagley, b. Jan. 28, 1923, Nashville, Tenn.

VI. CHILDREN OF ARTHUR EDDY HALL, No. 204.

276. Arthur Morrison Hall, b. Apr. 26, 1906.

277. Malcolm Frank Hall, b. Feb. 2, 1909.

278. Claribel Wheeler Hall, b. Nov. 11, 1911.

VI. CHILDREN OF ABBIE THOMAS HALL, No. 205.

279. Arthur Lewis Coe, b. Jan. 31, 1900; 71st Coast Artillery, 1918-19.

- 280. Edward Curtis Coe, b. Oct. 25, 1903.
- 281. Ralph William Coe, b. Aug. 15, 1907.
- 282. Elinor Imogene Coe, b. Sept. 2, 1910.

VI. CHILDREN OF CHARLES WILLIAM HALL, No. 206.

- 283. Chas. William Hall, Jr., b. May 8, 1902.
- 284. George Wheeler Hall, b. June 23, 1903.
- 285. Alice Dorothy Hall, b. Nov. 2, 1905.
- 286. Robert Henry Hall, b. Apr. 30, 1907.
- 287. Flora Sylvia Hall, b. May 16, 1910.
- 288. Ruth Ellis Hall, b. June 6, 1915.
- 289. John Frederick Hall, b. Sept. 8, 1917.

VI. CHILDREN OF WINIFRED SCRIPTURE, No. 210.

- 290. Peter D. Fleming, b. Jan. 17, 1918, N. Y. City.
- 291. Barbara Fleming, b. Nov. 30, 1920, Camp Dix, N. J.

VI. CHILD OF ELSA SCRIPTURE, No. 211.

- 291½. Mary Kirk Kidd, b. June 21, 1923, Montclair, N. J.

VI. CHILD OF AGNES LOUISA MERRIAM, No. 214.

- 292. Robert Merriam Groesbeck, b. July 26, 1897, Janesville, Wisc. He m. June 28, 1920, Manhattan, Kan., Lillian Louise Amos (dau. of Frank and Cora). Child, 316.

VI. CHILDREN OF RAYMOND FOGG MERRIAM, No. 216.

- 293. John Leander Merriam, b. June 9, 1913, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 294. George Clement Merriam, b. Feb. 2, 1919, Minneapolis, Minn.

VI. CHILDREN OF ROBERT STANLEY MERRIAM, No. 217.

- 295. Virginia Agnes Merriam, b. Aug. 25, 1909, Wallace, Idaho.
- 296. Flora Elizabeth Merriam, b. Dec. 9, 1911, Wallace, Idaho.
- 297. Eleanor Merriam, b. July 10, 1913, Wallace, Idaho.

VI. CHILDREN OF HARRIET ELEANOR MERRIAM, No. 219.

- 298. Raymond Merriam Chappell, b. Aug. 15, 1911, Bath, Me.
- 299. Ethel Louise Chappell, b. Aug. 29, 1916, Bath, Me.

VI. CHILDREN OF ETHEL AGNES MERRIAM, No. 220.

- 300. Donald William Elrick, b. Dec. 27, 1915, New London, Conn.
- 301. Robert Merriam Elrick, b. Apr. 29, 1919, New London, Conn.
- 302. Richard Grant Elrick, b. Dec. 6, 1921, Hartford, Conn.

- VI. CHILD OF ARTHUR EASTMAN, No. 224.
 303. John Edward Eastman, b. Jan. 12, 1912.
- VI. CHILDREN OF ROBERT FELT EASTMAN, No. 225.
 304. Robert Merriam Eastman, b. Apr. 18, 1918
 305. Richard Payson Eastman, b. Aug. 5, 1920.
 306. Rachel Underhill Eastman, b. Feb. 5, 1922
- VI. CHILDREN OF ALFRED HENRY OAK, No. 226.
 307. Elinor Buell Oak, b. June 18, 1918, New Brunswick,
 N. J.
 308. Dorothy Marie Oak, b. Aug. 5, 1919, Milwaukee,
 Wisc.
- VI. CHILDREN OF LISTON MERRIAM OAK, No. 228.
 309. Joan Oak, b. Mar. 18, 1920, New York City.
 310. Alan Ben Oak, b. Feb. 12, 1922, Long Beach, Cal.
- VI. CHILDREN OF RALPH LANE OAK, No. 232.
 311. Orman Haskell Oak, b. Jan. 20, 1913, Imperial, Cal.
 312. Eugene Kent Oak, b. Sept. 15, 1915, Arcata, Cal.
- VI. CHILD OF EDWARD AUGUSTUS BERKELEY, No. 237.
 313. William Francis Berkeley, b. Sept. 11, 1920
- VI. CHILDREN OF WILLIAM LEWIS AMBROSE BERKELEY, No. 239.
 314. William Edward Berkeley, b. Jan. 29, 1916
 315. Harry Lloyd Berkeley, b. Apr. 7, 1919.

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 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN OF THE
 REV. EBENEZER HILL**

- VII. CHILD OF ROBERT MERRIAM GROESBECK, No. 292.
 316. Donald Carleton Groesbeck, b. Sept. 23, 1921, Minn-
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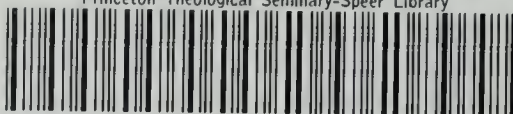
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